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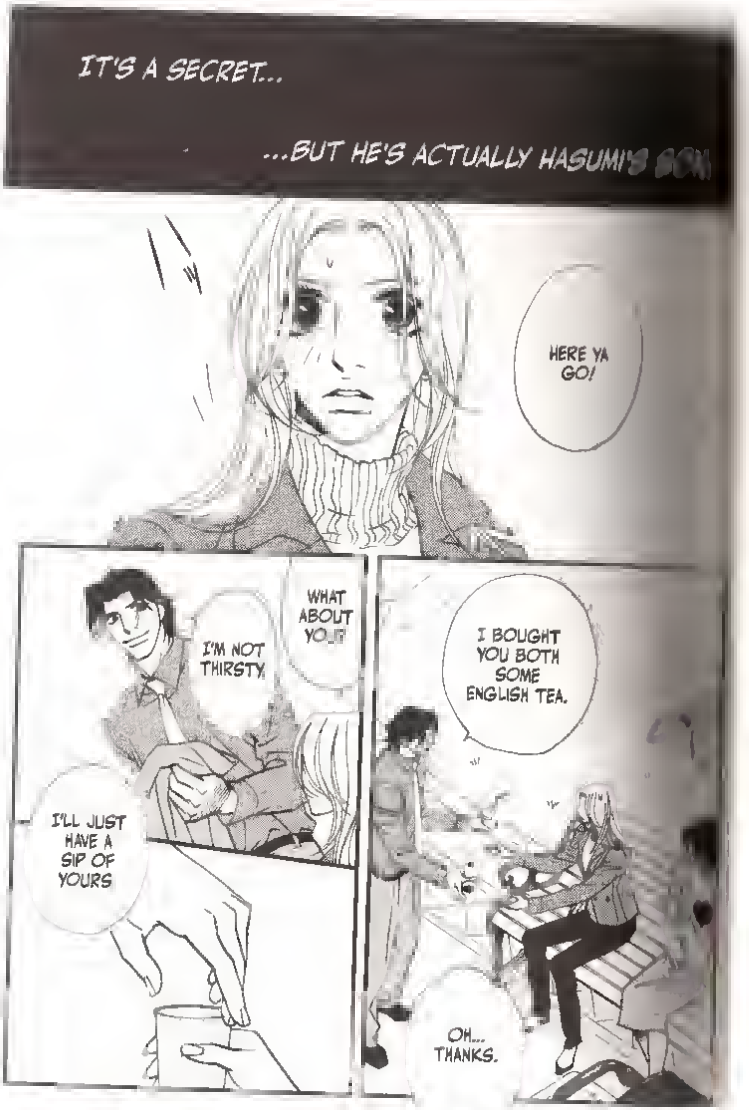
IT'S A SECRET...
...BUT HE'S ACTUALLY HASUMI'S SON
HERE YA GO!
I'M NOT THIRSTY.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'LL JUST HAVE A SIP OF YOURS
I BOUGHT YOU BOTH SOME ENGLISH TEA.
OH... THANKS.

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HERE'S MY PHONE NUMBER. IF YOU'D LIKE SOME MORE PERFUME...
...CALL ME.
I NEED TO GET DINNER READY
...IWAYA-SAN?
YES?!
GLANCE
IN FACT, CALL ME ANYTIME.
ACTUALLY, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO SEEMS UNCOMFORTABLE.
I HAVE TO GET GOING.
IF SHE'S BEEN WITH HASUMI, THEN WOULDN'T SHE BE UNCOMFORTABLE SITTING NEXT TO ME?
DID THEY REALLY SLEEP TOGETHER?
DID I HEAR HER RIGHT? WAS SHE JOKING?
I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT SHE SAID.
MAYBE...

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WOULD YOU LIKE SOME COFFEE?
ROGUE
I MEAN, IT'S POSSIBLE ...
NO.
OTHERWISE, HE WOULDN'T... NOT IN FRONT OF ME.
...SHE WAS JUST TEASING ME.
OKAY, I'LL START WITH, "ARE YOU TWO FRIENDS OUTSIDE OF WORK?"
EVEN IF I CAN'T ASK NUMBER FOUR, I HAVE TO ASK NUMBER THREE
SHE'S HITTER-VENTILATING.
NO! IT HAS TO BE MORE SUBTLE.
"IS THE BABY YOURS?"
...LIKE THAT.
DID YOU GET HER PREG-NANT?
I SHOULD ASK HIM! BUT, I CAN'T JUST BLURT OUT...
TOO DIRECT!
WHAT ABOUT LEE-SAN?
WELL...I WAS...
...WONDER-ING...
...ABOUT LEE-SAN.
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
YOU CAN SEE HER CRACK!
CALM DOWN. ACT NORMAL!
DID YOU TWO EVER DATE?
WHAT'S SHE DOING IN THERE?
WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S TAKING A LONG TIME.
"DID YOU EVER SLEEP TOGETHER?"
"DID YOU EVER DATE?"
"DID SHE TEACH YOU SOMETHING BESIDES CANTONESE?"
"ARE YOU TWO FRIENDS OUTSIDE OF WORK?"
YES! IT'S A PLAN!

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BESIDES, SHE'S A MOM.
DO YOU KNOW THE FATHER OF THE BABY?
YES, SHE IS.
YOU MEAN HONG YANG'S FATHER?
I KNOW HIM.
...YEAH.
ATTENTION: LEE-SAN'S FIRST NAME IS HEE-JUNG
KELLY MUST STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR HIM...
OR WHY WOULD SHE TELL ME SUCH A THING?
"HE'S HASUMI'S SON."
DAMN IT! I JUST ASKED THE THIRD QUESTION FIRST!!!
DATE?
CRITICAL
WE DATED.
YEAH...
...WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN EACH OTHER, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT
WE'RE JUST GOOD FRIENDS NOW.
WIN
THAT WAS MORE HONEST THAN I EXPECTED.
BUT IT WAS OVER TWO YEARS AGO.
AND, YOU KNOW ...
LOSE

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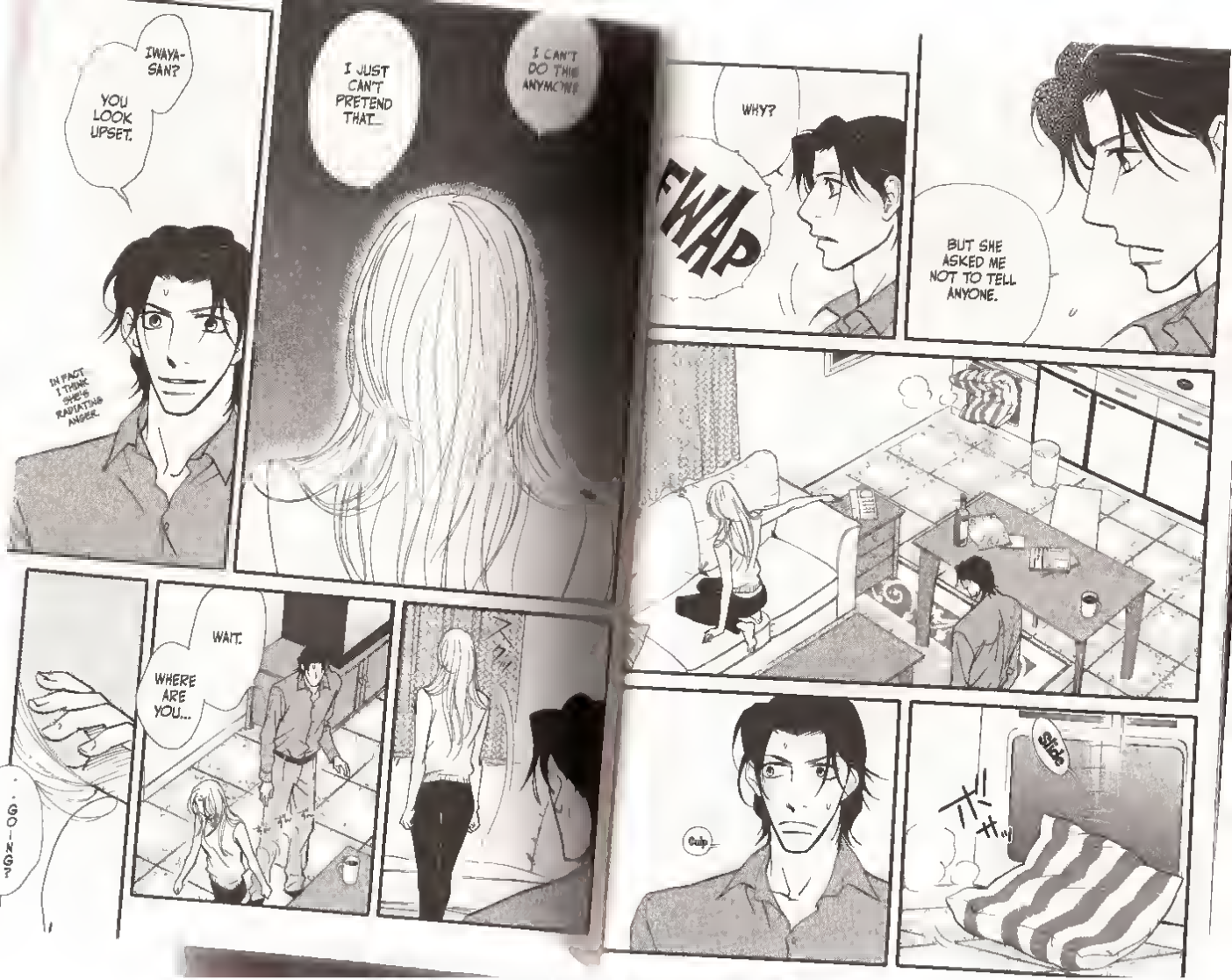

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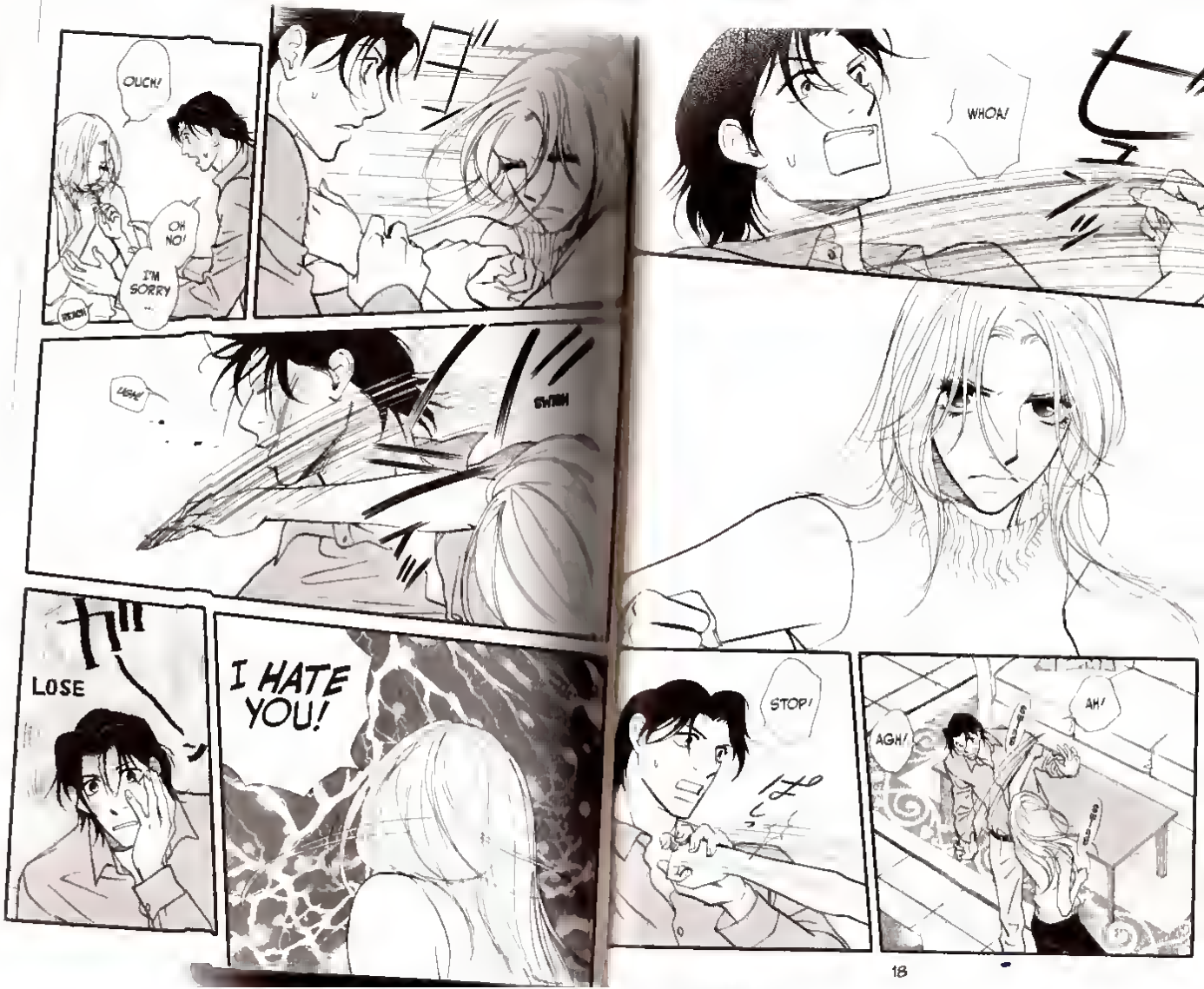

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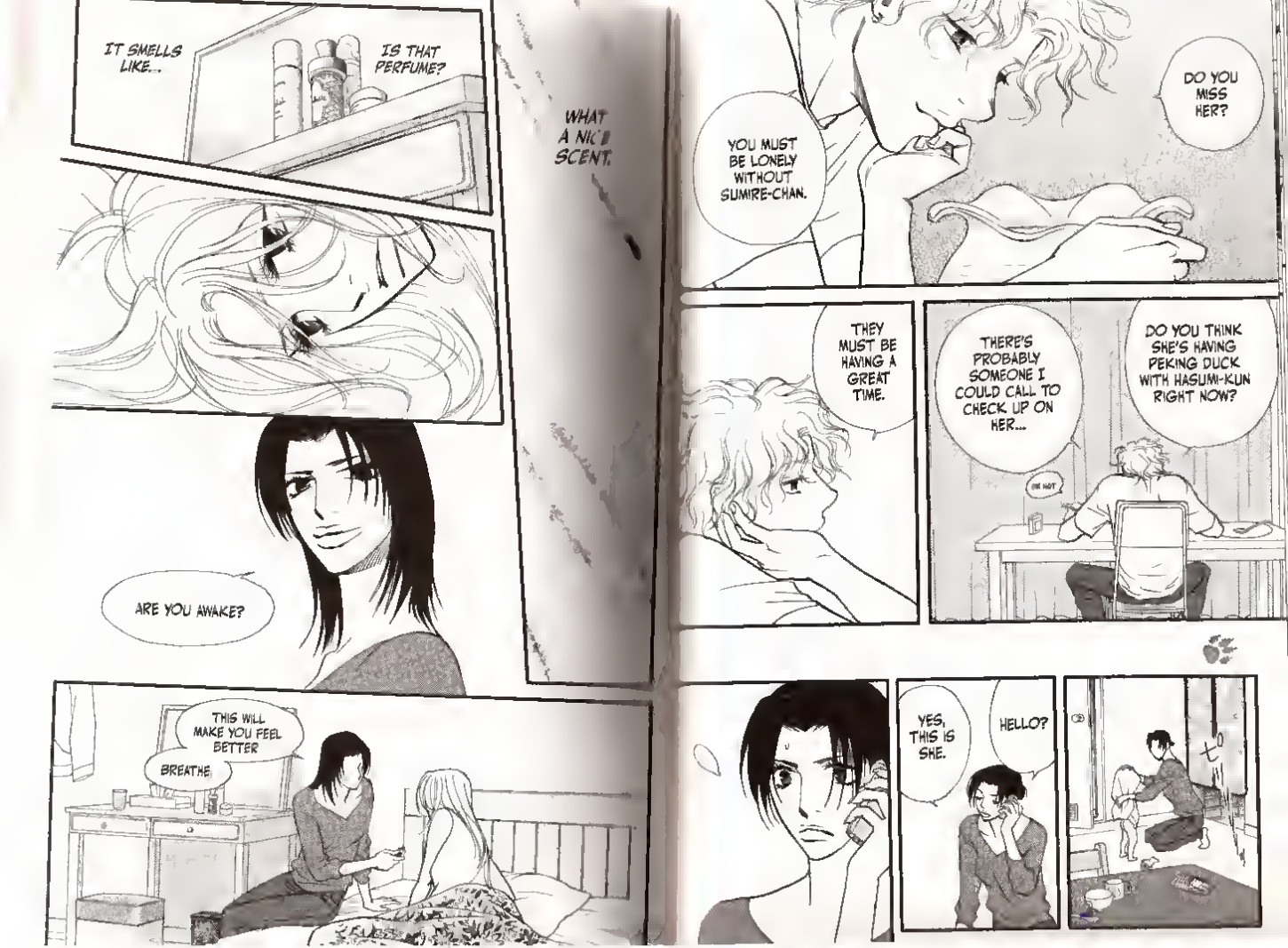
IT SMELLS LIKE...
IS THAT PERFUME?
WHAT A NICE SCENT.
ARE YOU AWAKE?
THIS WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER
BREATHE.
YOU MUST BE LONELY WITHOUT SUMIRE-CHAN.
DO YOU MISS HER?
THEY MUST BE HAVING A GREAT TIME.
THERE'S PROBABLY SOMEONE I COULD CALL TO CHECK UP ON HER...
DO YOU THINK SHE'S HAVING PEKING DUCK WITH HASUMI-KUN RIGHT NOW?
YES, THIS IS SHE.
HELLO?

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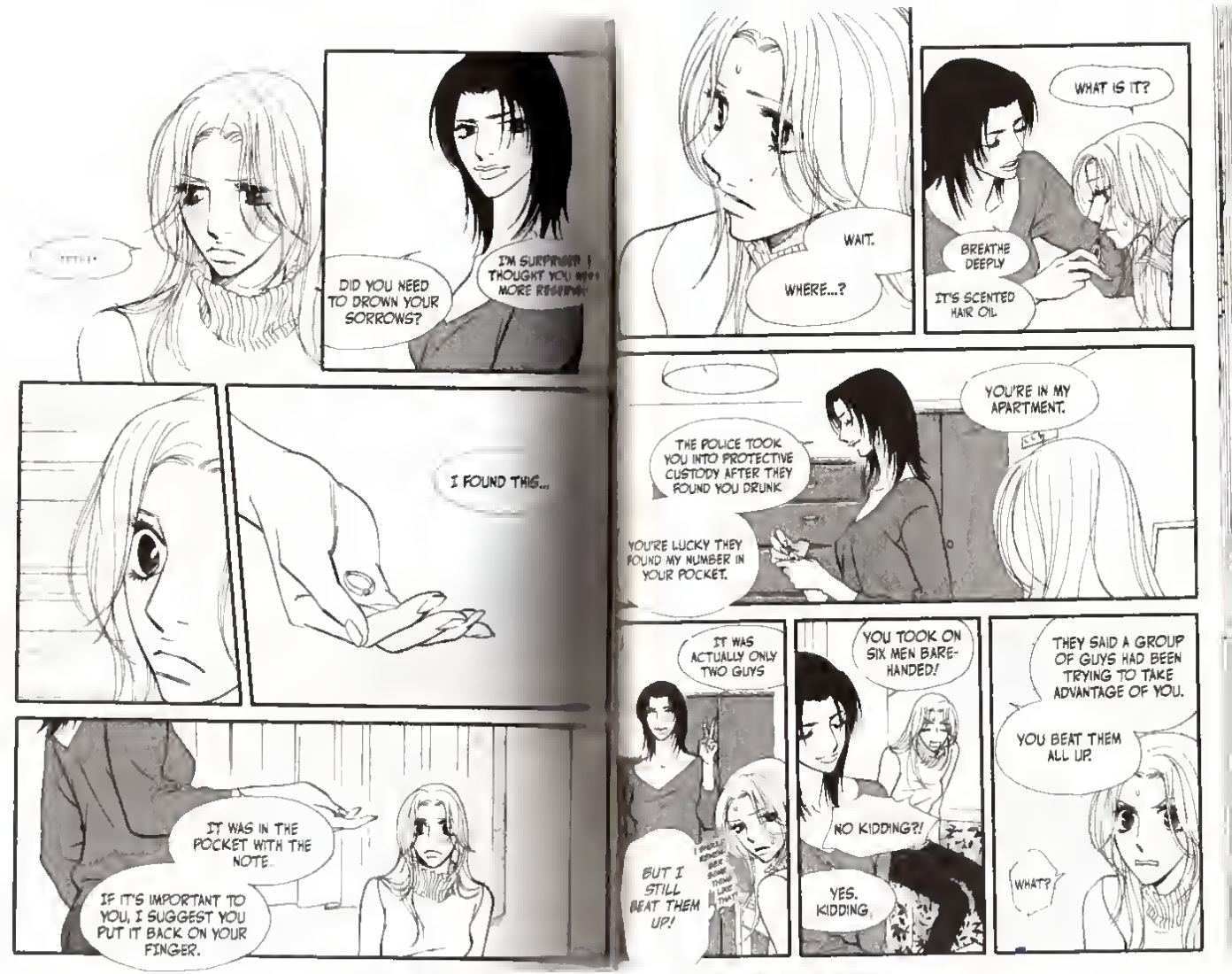
DID YOU NEED TO DRINK YOUR SORROWS?
I'M SURPRISED I THOUGHT YOU WERE MORE RESILIENT
I FOUND THIS...
IT WAS IN THE POCKET WITH THE NOTE...
IF IT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU, I SUGGEST YOU PUT IT BACK ON YOUR FINGER.
WAIT.
WHERE...?
WHAT IS IT?
BREATHE DEEPLY
IT'S SCENTED HAIR OIL
YOU'RE IN MY APARTMENT.
THE POLICE TOOK YOU INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AFTER THEY FOUND YOU DRUNK
YOU'RE LUCKY THEY FOUND MY NUMBER IN YOUR POCKET.
IT WAS ACTUALLY ONLY TWO GUYS
I SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO DRINK LIKE THAT!
BUT I STILL BEAT THEM UP!
YOU TOOK ON SIX MEN BARE-HANDED!
NO KIDDING?!
YES. KIDDING.
THEY SAID A GROUP OF GUYS HAD BEEN TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU.
YOU BEAT THEM ALL UP.
WHAT?

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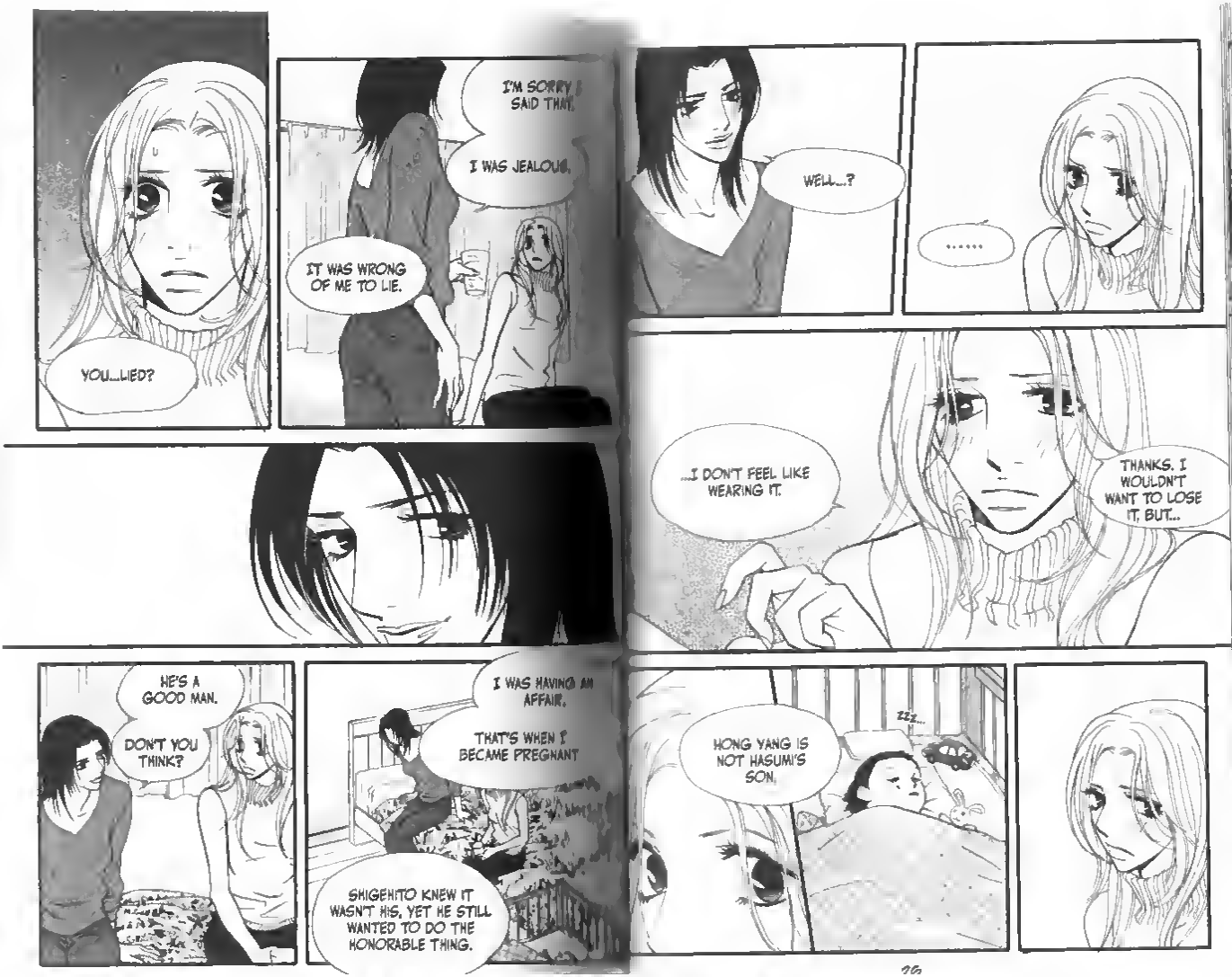
YOU...LIED?
I'M SORRY I SAID THAT.
I WAS JEALOUS.
IT WAS WRONG OF ME TO LIE.
WELL...?
.....
...I DON'T FEEL LIKE WEARING IT.
THANKS. I WOULDN'T WANT TO LOSE IT, BUT...
HE'S A GOOD MAN.
DON'T YOU THINK?
I WAS HAVING AN AFFAIR.
THAT'S WHEN I BECAME PREGNANT
SHIGEHITO KNEW IT WASN'T HIS, YET HE STILL WANTED TO DO THE HONORABLE THING.
ZZZ...
HONG YANG IS NOT HASUMI'S SON.

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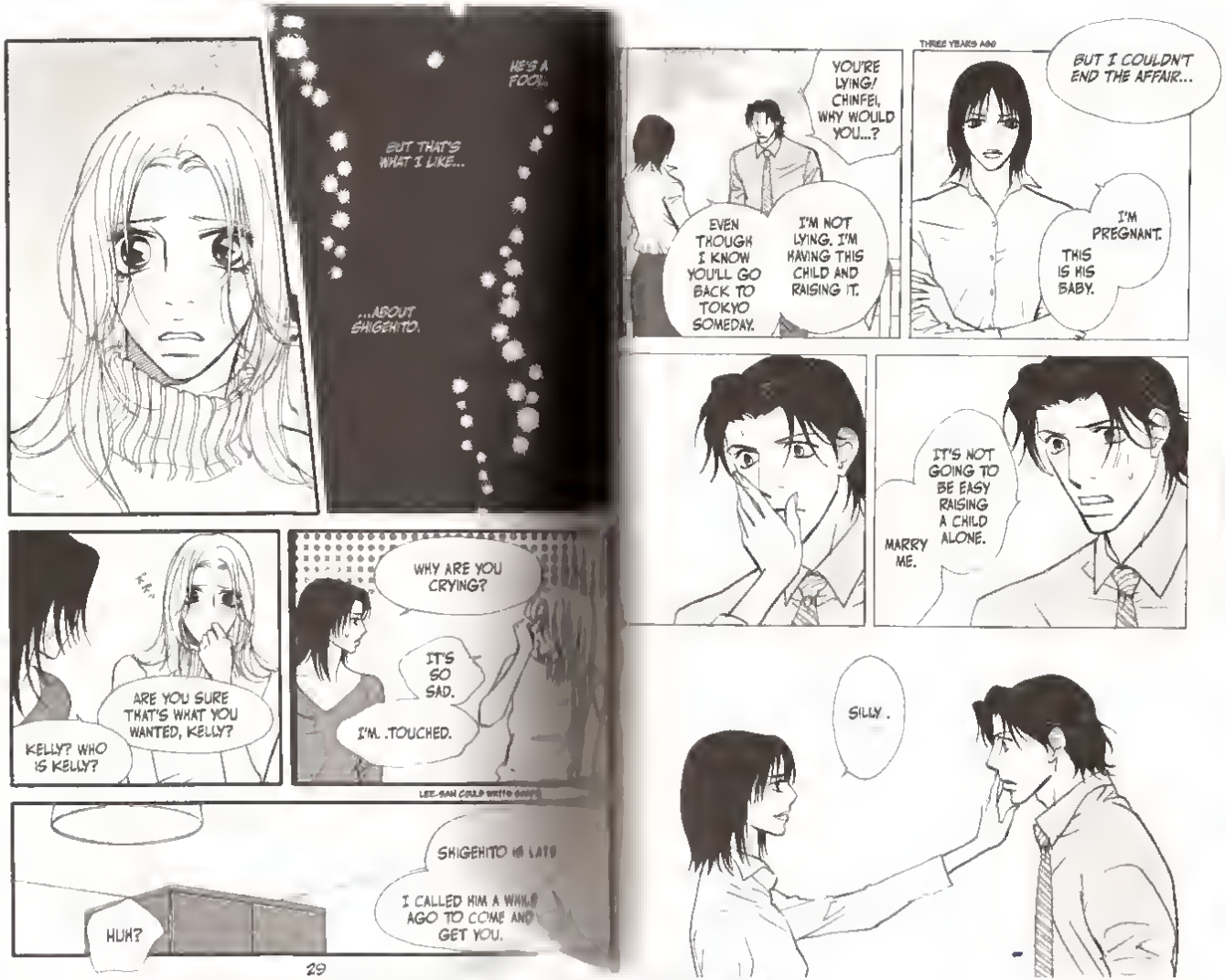
HE'S A FOOL.
BUT THAT'S WHAT I LIKE...
...ABOUT SHIGEHITO.
YOU'RE LYING! CHINFEI, WHY WOULD YOU...?
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW YOU'LL GO BACK TO TOKYO SOMEDAY.
I'M NOT LYING. I'M HAVING THIS CHILD AND RAISING IT.
THREE YEARS AGO
BUT I COULDN'T END THE AFFAIR...
I'M PREGNANT. THIS IS HIS BABY.
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY RAISING A CHILD ALONE.
MARRY ME.
SILLY.
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
IT'S SO SAD.
I'M. .TOUCHED.
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED, KELLY?
KELLY? WHO IS KELLY?
SHIGEHITO IS LATE
I CALLED HIM A WHILE AGO TO COME AND GET YOU.
HUH?

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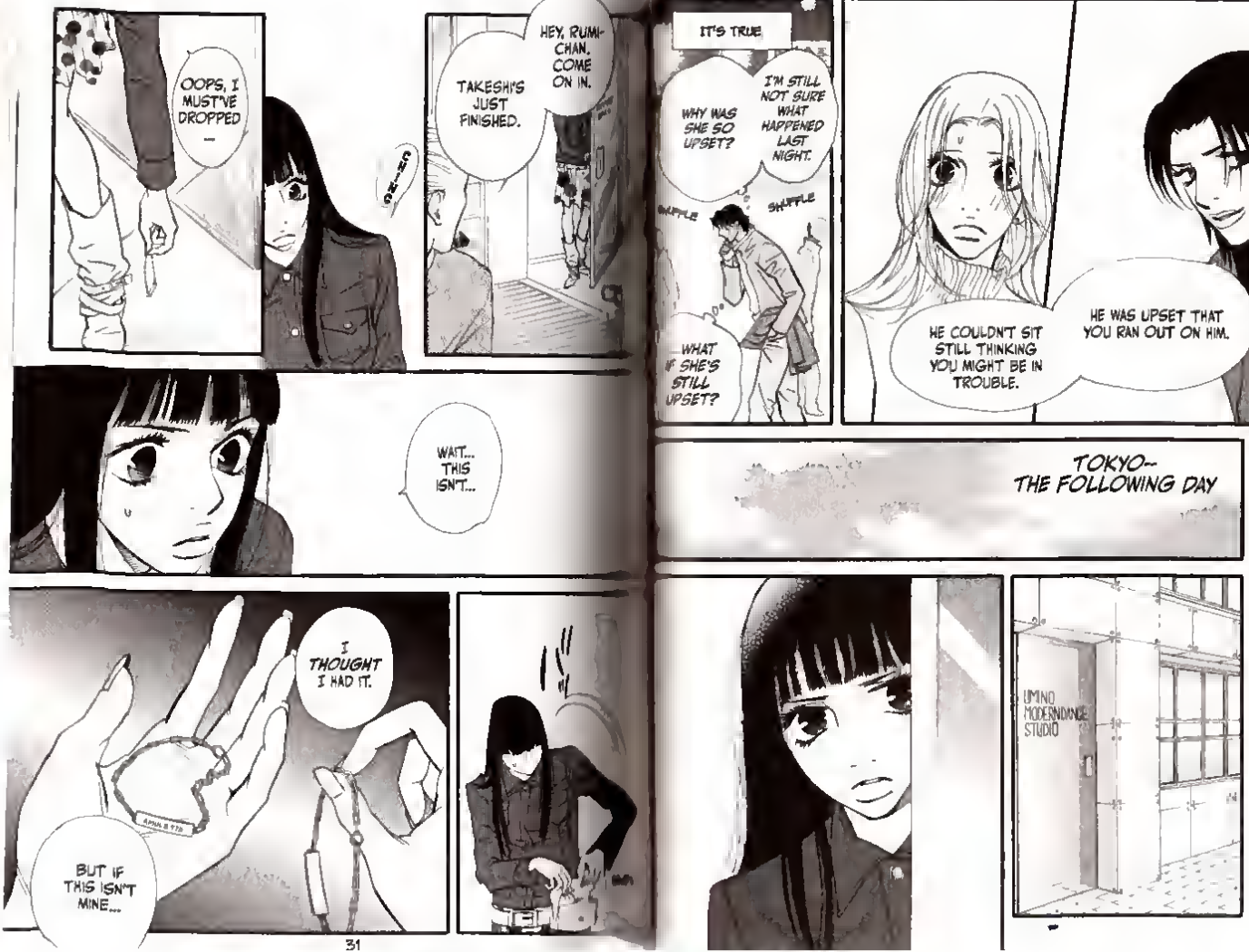
OOPS, I MUST'VE DROPPED —
HEY, RUMI-CHAN. COME ON IN.
TAKESHI'S JUST FINISHED.
OI-ZO
IT'S TRUE.
WHY WAS SHE SO UPSET?
I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT.
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
...WHAT IF SHE'S STILL UPSET?
HE COULDN'T SIT STILL THINKING YOU MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE.
HE WAS UPSET THAT YOU RAN OUT ON HIM.
WAIT... THIS ISN'T...
TOKYO— THE FOLLOWING DAY
I THOUGHT I HAD IT.
BUT IF THIS ISN'T MINE...
UMINO MODERN DANCE STUDIO

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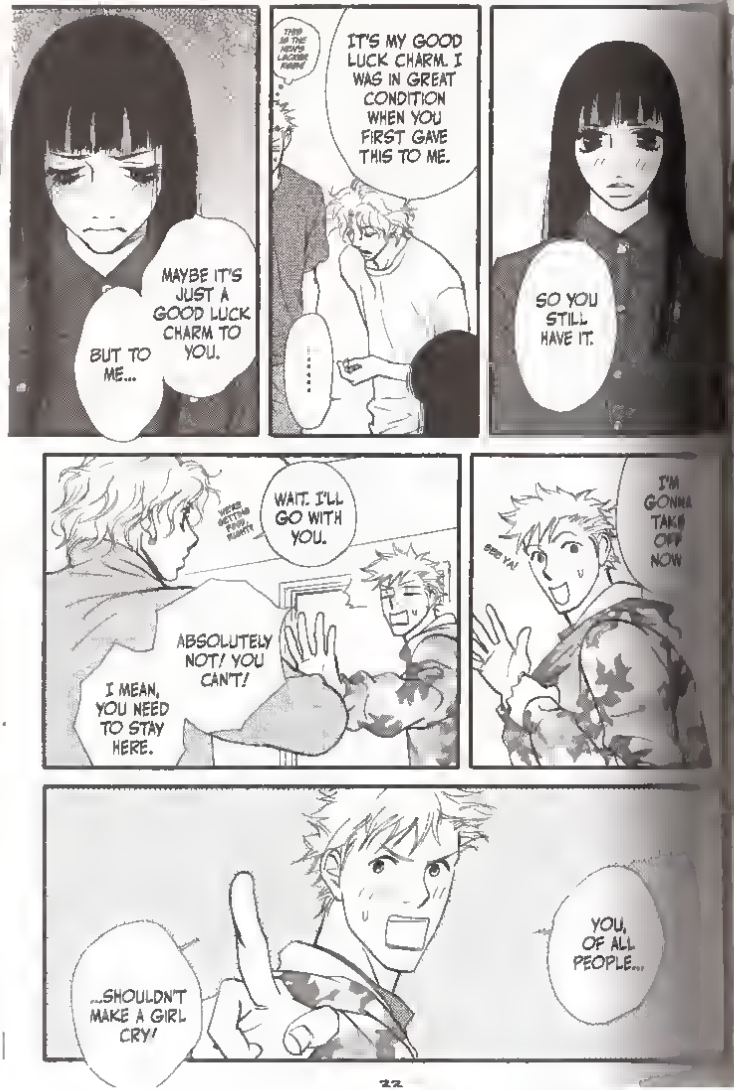
BUT TO ME...
MAYBE IT'S JUST A GOOD LUCK CHARM TO YOU.
THIS IS THE NEW'S LOCKER ROOM!
IT'S MY GOOD LUCK CHARM. I WAS IN GREAT CONDITION WHEN YOU FIRST GAVE THIS TO ME.
.....
SO YOU STILL HAVE IT.
WHERE DID YOU PUT IT LAST?
IT SAYS, "AMULETTE."
IT'S A SILVER CHAIN WITH A TINY PLATE.
JUST A REGULAR BRACELET.
WE'RE GETTING BEAT! RUN!!
WAIT. I'LL GO WITH YOU.
ABSOLUTELY NOT! YOU CAN'T!
I MEAN, YOU NEED TO STAY HERE.
BEE YA!
I'M GONNA TAKE OFF NOW
IS THIS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?
...IT'S OKAY IF I LOST IT.
I SLIPPE IT INTO M POCKET
...SHOULDN'T MAKE A GIRL CRY!
YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE...

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...WHOSE TEARS AND SORROW I CAN BRAVELY ENDURE.
THERE'S ONLY ONE...
YES!
...I SUPPOSE YOU WANT TO ASK ME ABOUT THE AUDITION?
SO...
AS ALWAY
IT HURTS ME ENOUGH THAT ALL I WANNA DO IS RUN AWAY.
I'M NO GOOD AT DEALING WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S PAIN. I DON'T SUPPOSE ANYONE IS.
I CAN'T DO THIS
I WANT TO CONCENTRATE ON LIMINO-SAN'S TRAINING PROGRAM.
IT'S BECAUSE I'M TAKING A BREAK FROM PERFORM-ING.
...HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU. IT'S NOT BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO BE YOUR DANCE PARTNER
THE REASON I DIDN'T ACCEPT THE ROLE...

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RUM!
IF I'M NOT THE REASON... DOES THAT MEAN...
...YOU STILL LIKE ME?
SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
...EAVES-DROP.
NO DON'T TELL ME. I DON'T WANT TO KNOW.
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE SITUATION OBJECTIVELY.
THINK OF HER THE WAY YOU THINK OF DANCE.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO BE SO OUT OF YOUR DEPTH.

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...ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT IT.
BUT THOSE WHO FORGET THE PAST...
...BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU SHOULD FORGET ABOUT THE PAST.
YOU'RE TRYING TO FORGET HOW IT FEELS TO BE IN LOVE!
EH?
THINK OF IT LIKE THIS.
HOW WOULD YOU ARRANGE THIS SITUATION AS A DANCE?
YOU WANT TO BECOME A CHOREOGRAPHER, DON'T YOU?
DON'T FORGET THAT, TAKESHI.
Sniff
RUMI-CHAN IS LIKE CLASSICAL BALLET.
SHE'S THE PAST YOU WANT TO LEAVE
IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO FEEL NOSTALGIC FOR SOMETHING SWEET IN YOUR PAST.
STILL, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE A TASTE FOR YOUR FIRST LOVE
YOU FEEL YOU'VE GONE AS FAR AS YOU CAN WITH BALLET NOW YOU WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SOMETHING ELSE

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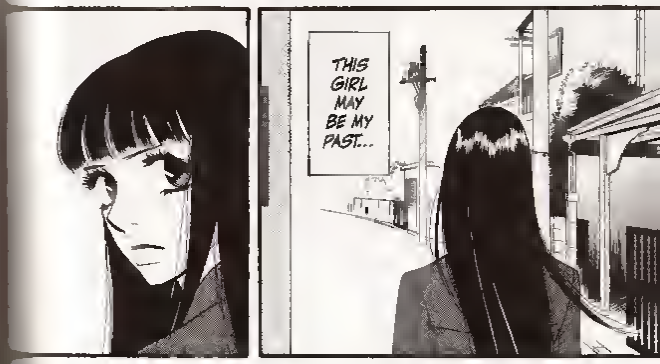

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thank you so much IceSea and SkitzoMartyr
thanks to you
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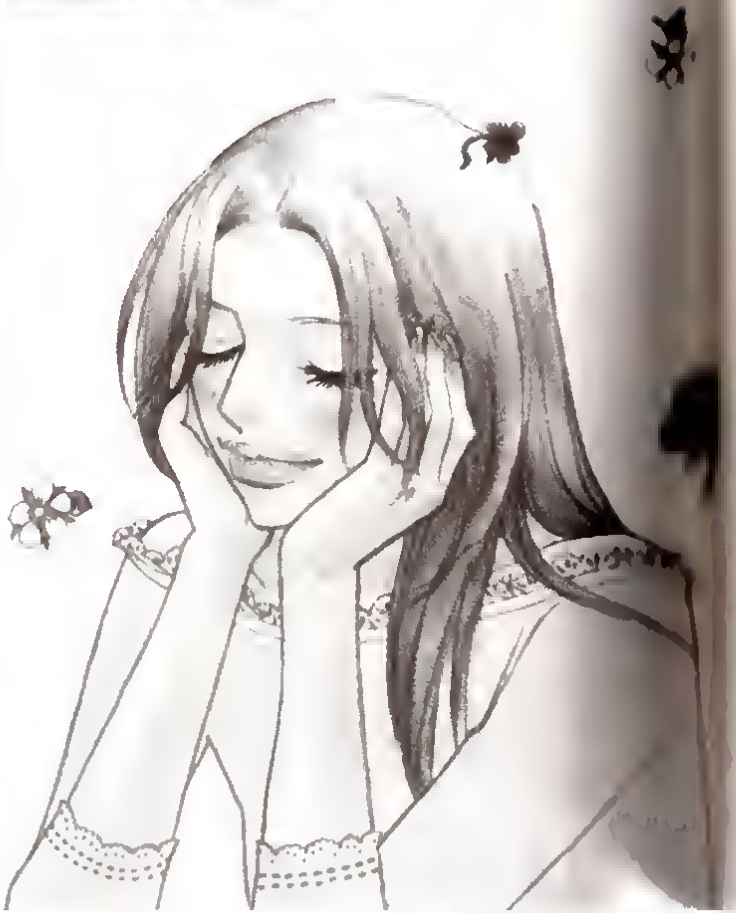

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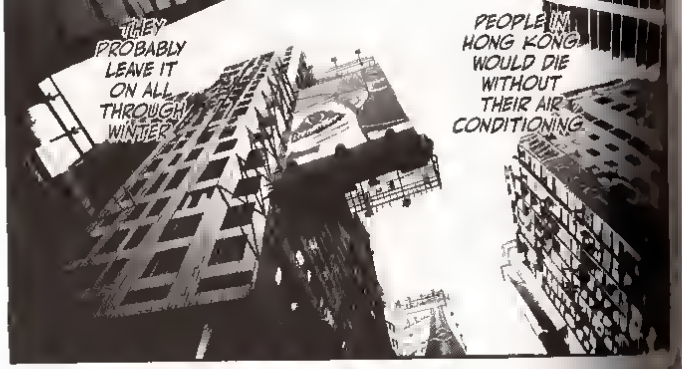

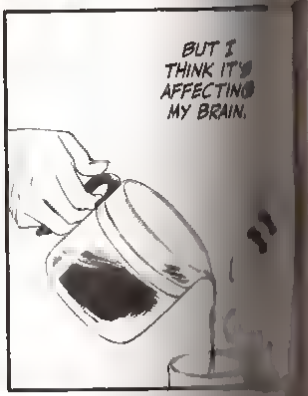

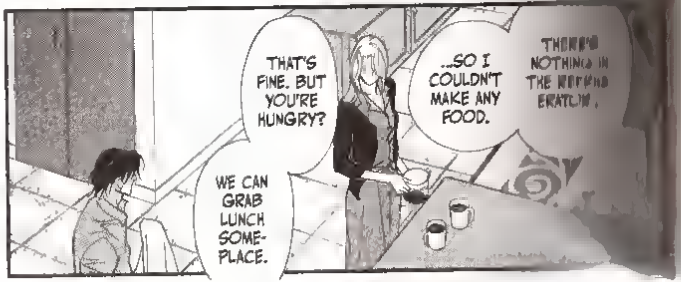

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EHEH!
!
Clench
ANYTHING THAT'S NOT TOO SPICY. I HAVE A CUT IN MY MOUTH.
AH!
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE? DIM SUM? SOMETHING ELSE?
UH, WHAT ARE YOU IN THE MOOD FOR?
I HAD YOU FOOLED! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF ME!
WOW!
IWAYA-SAN?
WHAT'S ...?
HA HA HA HA
IT'S OKAY
IT WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
FROM WHEN I HIT YOU? I'M SO SORRY. I DIDN'T.
BUT I SHOULDN'T HAVE HIT YOU. I'M SORRY.
I STILL DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD ASK YOUR EX TO CHOOSE GIFTS FOR ME.
YOU'RE RIGHT... I, UH... I GUESS IT WAS A... WELL...
SOFTLY
BUT..

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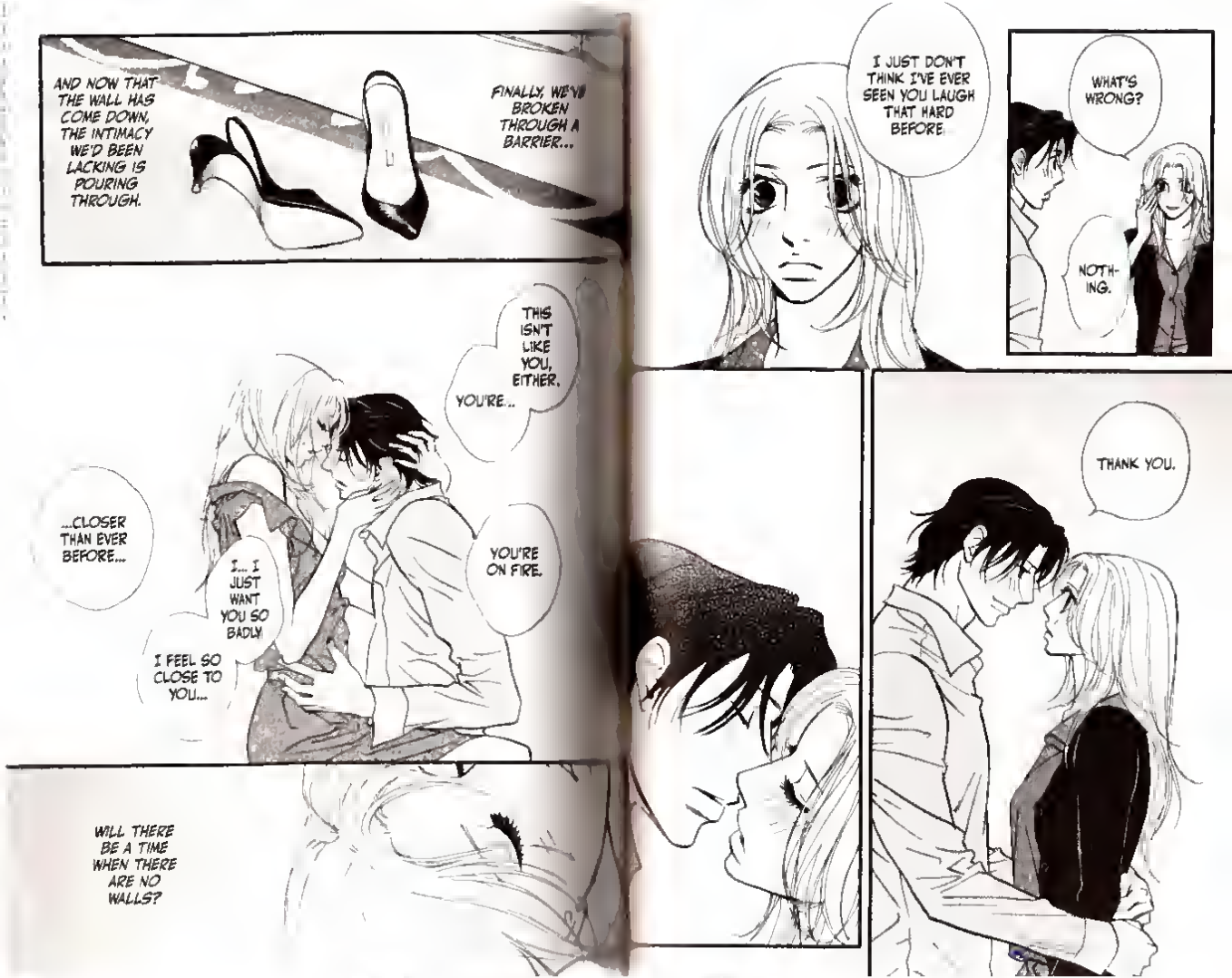
AND NOW THAT THE WALL HAS COME DOWN, THE INTIMACY WE'D BEEN LACKING IS POURING THROUGH.
FINALLY, WE'VE BROKEN THROUGH A BARRIER...
I JUST DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN YOU LAUGH THAT HARD BEFORE.
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTH-ING.
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU, EITHER.
YOU'RE...
...CLOSER THAN EVER BEFORE...
I... I JUST WANT YOU SO BADLY.
YOU'RE ON FIRE.
I FEEL SO CLOSE TO YOU...
THANK YOU.
WILL THERE BE A TIME WHEN THERE ARE NO WALLS?

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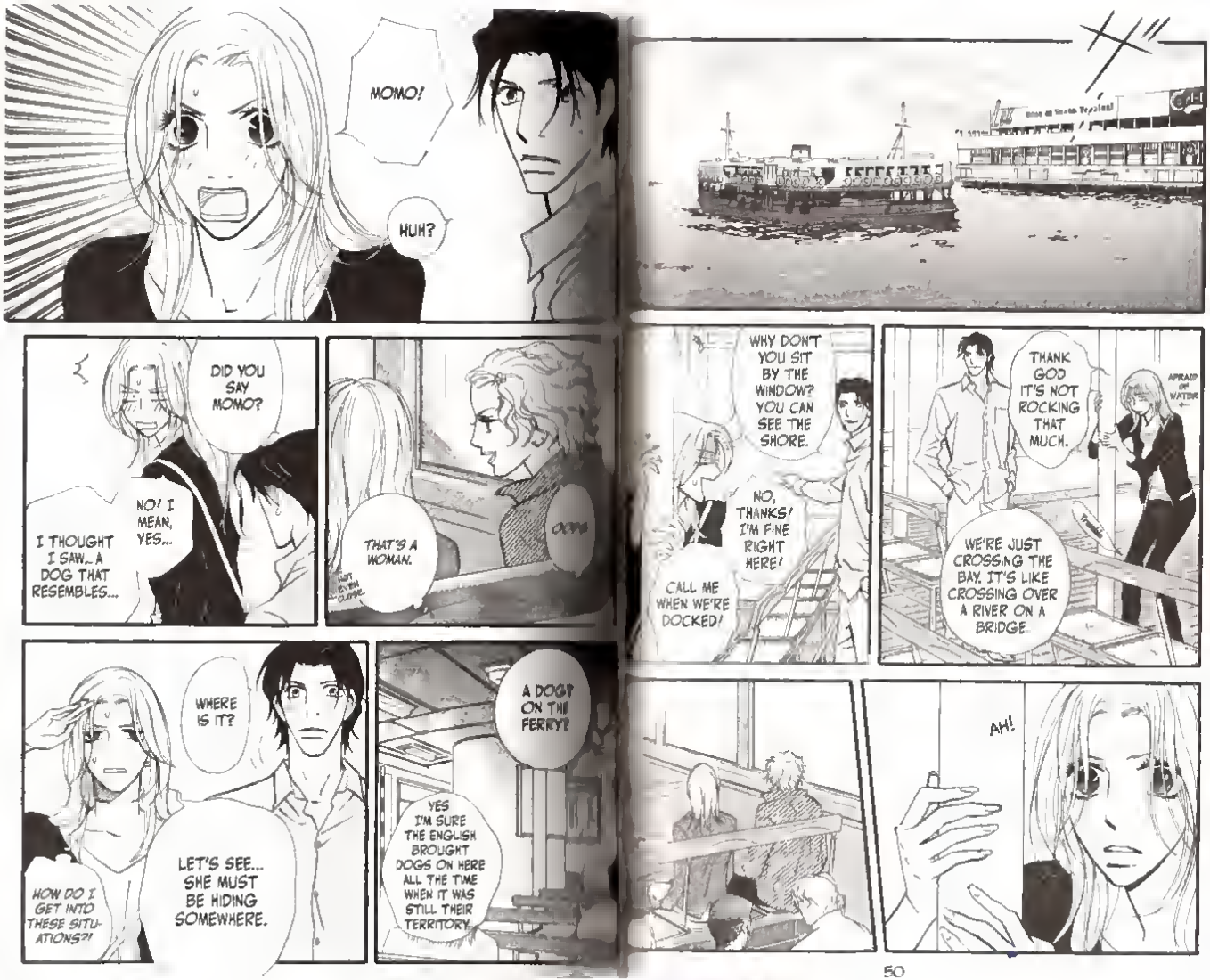
MOMO!
HUH?
DID YOU SAY MOMO?
NO! I MEAN, YES...
I THOUGHT I SAW... A DOG THAT RESEMBLES...
THAT'S A WOMAN.
WHY DON'T YOU SIT BY THE WINDOW? YOU CAN SEE THE SHORE.
NO, THANKS! I'M FINE RIGHT HERE!
CALL ME WHEN WE'RE DOCKED!
THANK GOD IT'S NOT ROCKING THAT MUCH.
AFRAID OF WATER
WE'RE JUST CROSSING THE BAY. IT'S LIKE CROSSING OVER A RIVER ON A BRIDGE.
WHERE IS IT?
HOW DO I GET INTO THESE SITUATIONS?!
LET'S SEE... SHE MUST BE HIDING SOMEWHERE.
A DOG? ON THE FERRY?
YES I'M SURE THE ENGLISH BROUGHT DOGS ON HERE ALL THE TIME WHEN IT WAS STILL THEIR TERRITORY.
AH!

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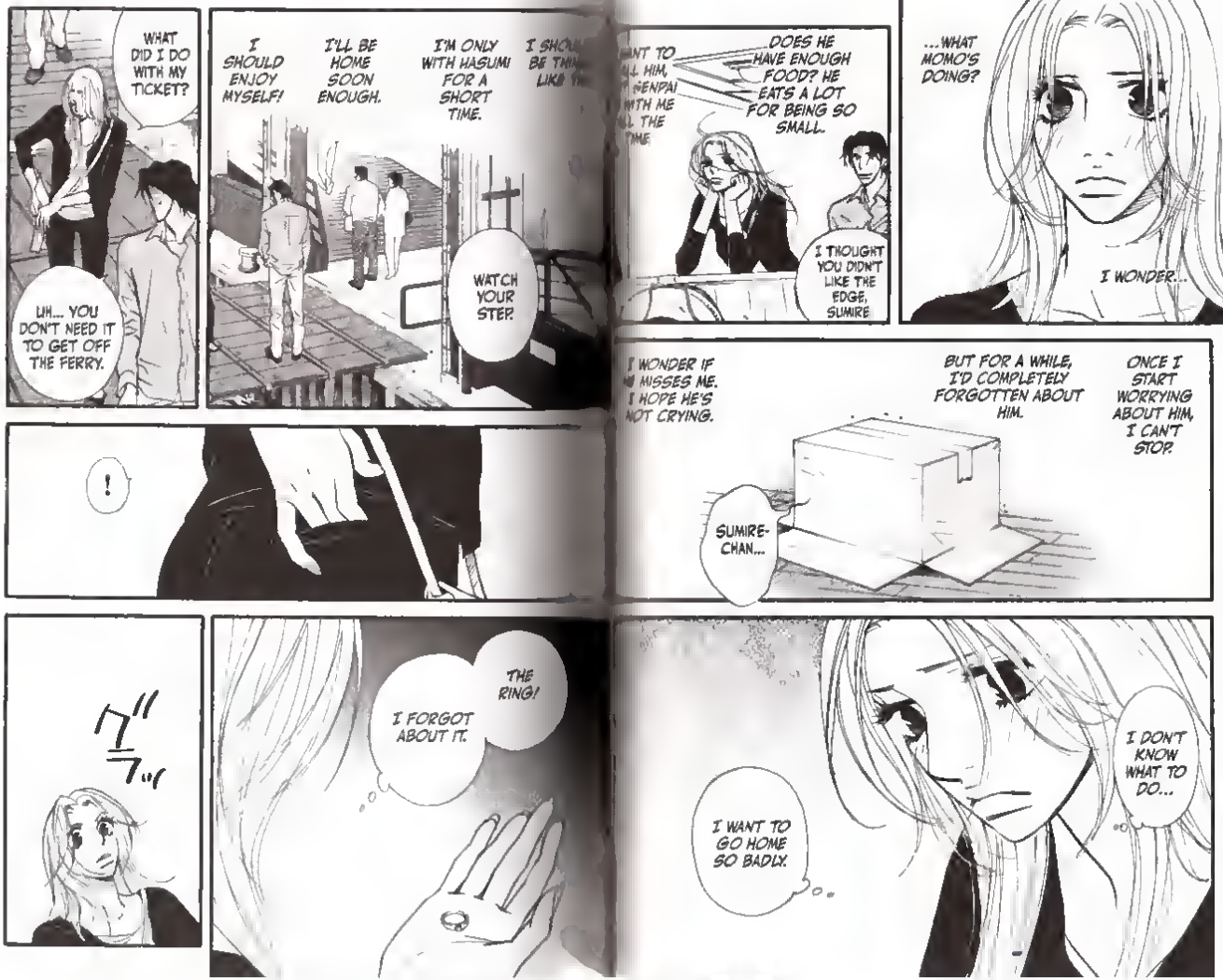
WHAT DID I DO WITH MY TICKET?
UH... YOU DON'T NEED IT TO GET OFF THE FERRY.
I SHOULD ENJOY MYSELF!
I'LL BE HOME SOON ENOUGH.
I'M ONLY WITH HASUMI FOR A SHORT TIME.
WATCH YOUR STEP.
DOES HE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD? HE EATS A LOT FOR BEING SO SMALL.
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE THE EDGE, SUMIRE
...WHAT MOMO'S DOING?
I WONDER...
!
I WONDER IF HE MISSES ME. I HOPE HE'S NOT CRYING.
BUT FOR A WHILE, I'D COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIM.
ONCE I START WORRYING ABOUT HIM, I CAN'T STOP.
SUMIRE-CHAN...
THE RING!
I FORGOT ABOUT IT.
I WANT TO GO HOME SO BADLY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

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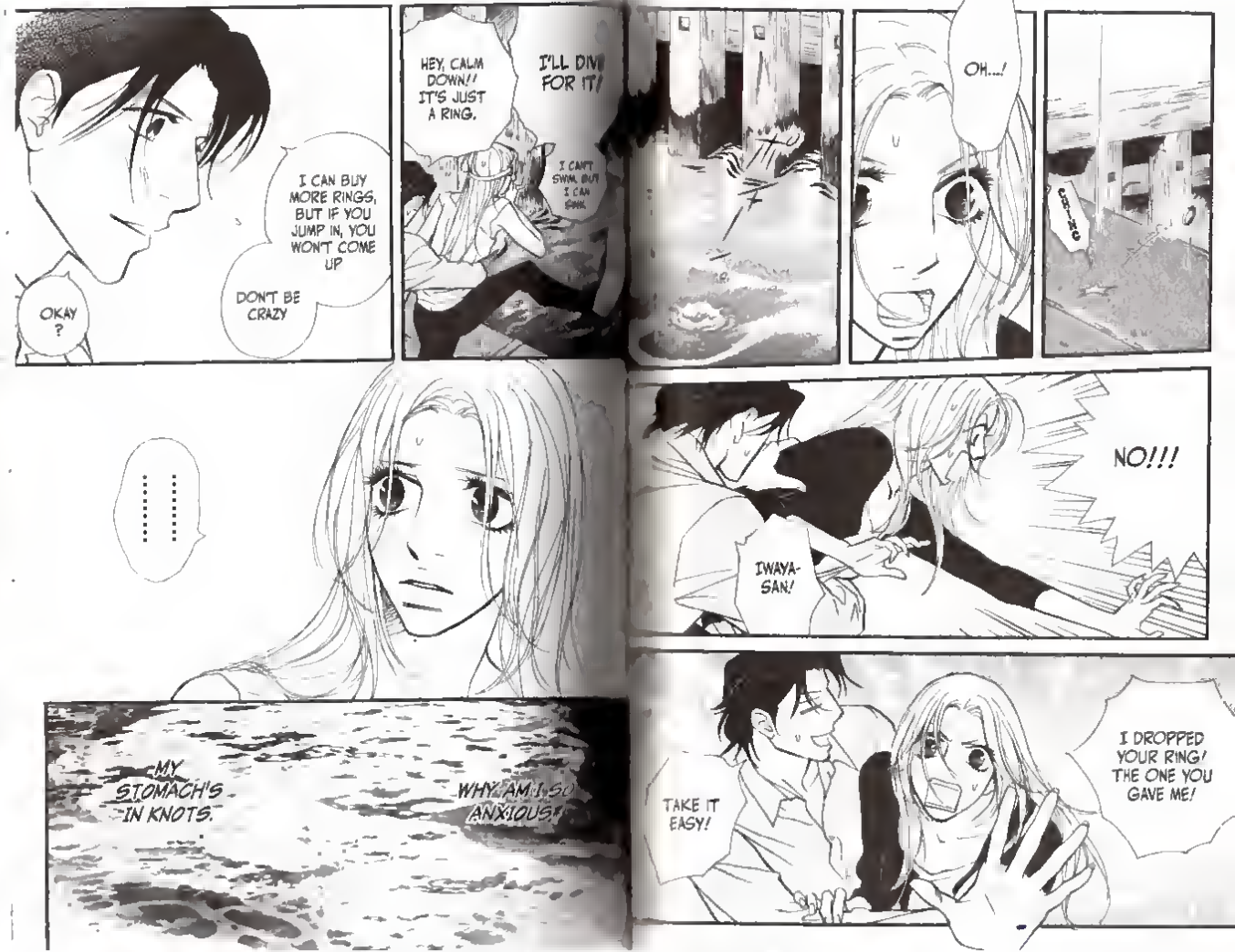
I CAN BUY MORE RINGS, BUT IF YOU JUMP IN, YOU WON'T COME UP
OKAY ?
DON'T BE CRAZY
HEY, CALM DOWN!! IT'S JUST A RING.
I'LL DIVE FOR IT!
I CAN'T SWIM, BUT I CAN SWIM.
OH...!
GASP-GASP
NO!!!
IWAYA-SAN!
.....
MY STOMACH'S IN KNOTS.
WHY AM I SO ANXIOUS?
TAKE IT EASY!
I DROPPED YOUR RING! THE ONE YOU GAVE ME!

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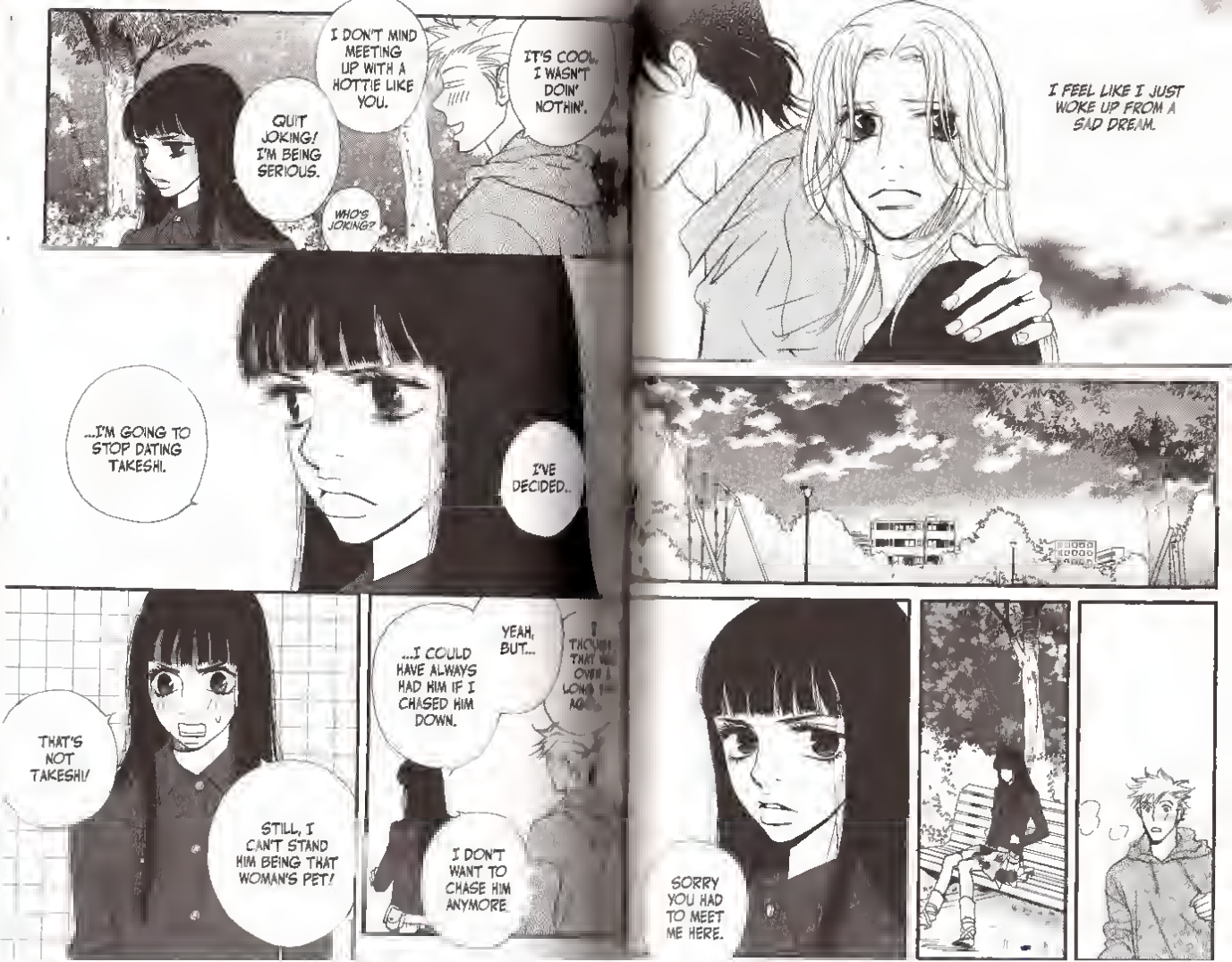
I DON'T MIND MEETING UP WITH A HOTTIE LIKE YOU.
IT'S COOL. I WASN'T DOIN' NOTHIN'.
QUIT JOKING! I'M BEING SERIOUS.
WHO'S JOKING?
I FEEL LIKE I JUST WOKE UP FROM A SAD DREAM.
...I'M GOING TO STOP DATING TAKESHI.
I'VE DECIDED..
THAT'S NOT TAKESHI!
STILL, I CAN'T STAND HIM BEING THAT WOMAN'S PET!
YEAH, BUT...
...I COULD HAVE ALWAYS HAD HIM IF I CHASED HIM DOWN.
I DON'T WANT TO CHASE HIM ANYMORE.
SORRY YOU HAD TO MEET ME HERE.

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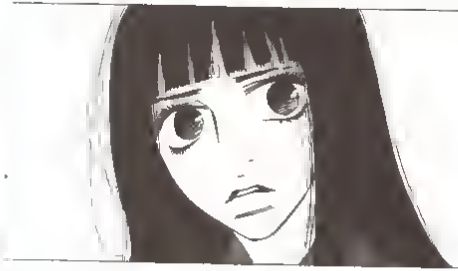
YOU'RE STILL WRAPPED AROUND MY HEART.



BUT I NEED TO LET GO OF MY PAST.

I STILL LIKE YOU.

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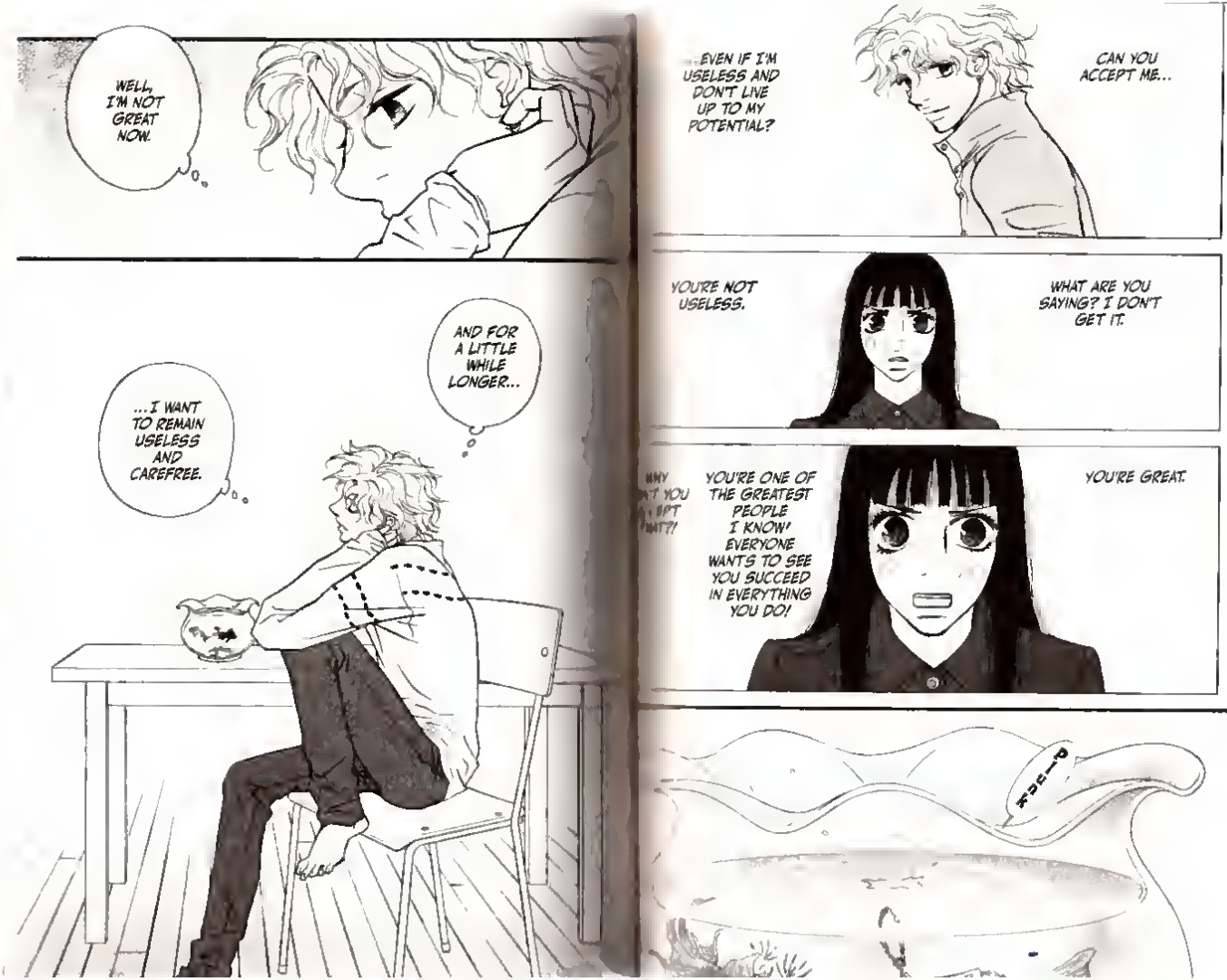
WELL, I'M NOT GREAT NOW.
...EVEN IF I'M USELESS AND DON'T LIVE UP TO MY POTENTIAL?
CAN YOU ACCEPT ME...
YOU'RE NOT USELESS.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I DON'T GET IT.
...I WANT TO REMAIN USELESS AND CAREFREE.
AND FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...
YOU'RE ONE OF THE GREATEST PEOPLE I KNOW! EVERYONE WANTS TO SEE YOU SUCCEED IN EVERYTHING YOU DO!
YOU'RE GREAT.

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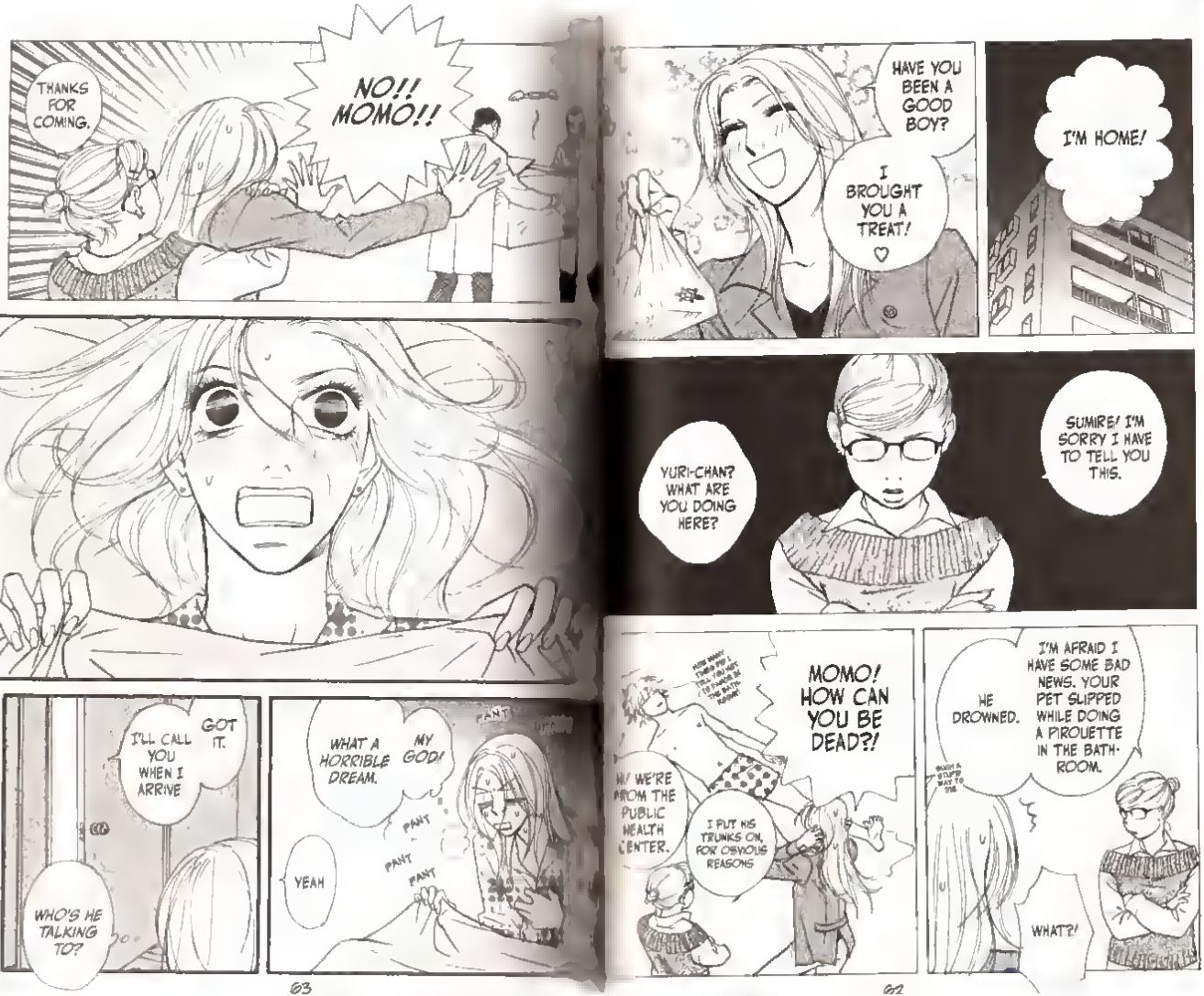
THANKS FOR COMING.
NO!! MOMO!!
HAVE YOU BEEN A GOOD BOY?
I BROUGHT YOU A TREAT! ♡
I'M HOME!
YURI-CHAN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SUMIRE! I'M SORRY I HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS.
I'LL CALL YOU WHEN I ARRIVE
GOT IT.
WHO'S HE TALKING TO?
WHAT A HORRIBLE DREAM.
MY GOD!
PANT
YEAH
MOMO! HOW CAN YOU BE DEAD?!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I TELL YOU NOT TO PLAY IN THE BATH-ROOM!
W/ WE'RE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER.
I PUT HIS TRUNKS ON, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS
I'M AFRAID I HAVE SOME BAD NEWS. YOUR PET SLIPPED WHILE DOING A PIROUETTE IN THE BATH-ROOM.
HE DROWNED.
WHAT?!

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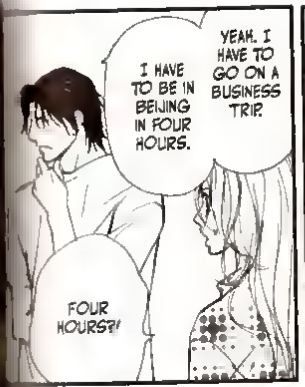
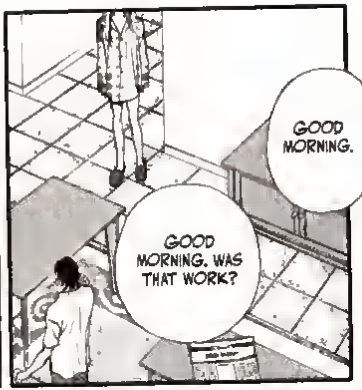
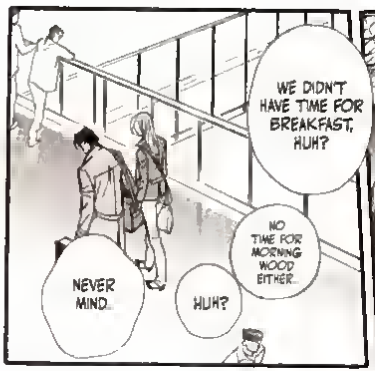
WOO HOO!
WHAT HE'S REALLY THINKING
NO PROBLEM.
SURE. COULD YOU GO ONLINE AND PRINT OUT MY ITINERARY?
THAT'D BE A BIG HELP.
I WISH WE HAD TIME TO TAKE CARE OF MY MORNING WOOD.
HE'S NOT GOOD AT HANDLING DETAILS.







SORRY YOU HAVE TO WAIT AROUND SO LONG. WHEN IS YOUR FLIGHT? THREE HOURS?
IT'S OKAY. I'LL DO SOME DUTY-FREE SHOPPING TO PASS THE TIME.

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THIS IS FINE. YOUR GATE IS SO FAR IN THE OTHER DIRECTION.
YOUR BAG.
OH... RIGHT.
I'M SURE I HAVE A TON OF LAUNDRY WAITING. I HOPE HE DIDN'T SCREW UP TAPING ANY OF MY PROGRAMS.
I CAN WATCH TV WITH MOMO. AND I DON'T HAVE TO HIDE MY CIGARETTES!
YAY! I'LL FINALLY BE HOME TONIGHT!
IWAYA-SAN
SIGH.
WHO KNOWS WHEN I'LL SEE HASUMI-SENPAI AGAIN?!
WHAT AM I THINKING?!
FOR WHAT?
SORRY...
DISAPPOINTED
IN HERSELF
HASUMI-SENPAI!
I...
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR CALL.
I'LL MISS YOU.
BYE, MY LOVE.
.. IT WAS GREAT SEEING YOU.
I'M SORRY WE HAD TO CUT THIS SHORT, BUT.

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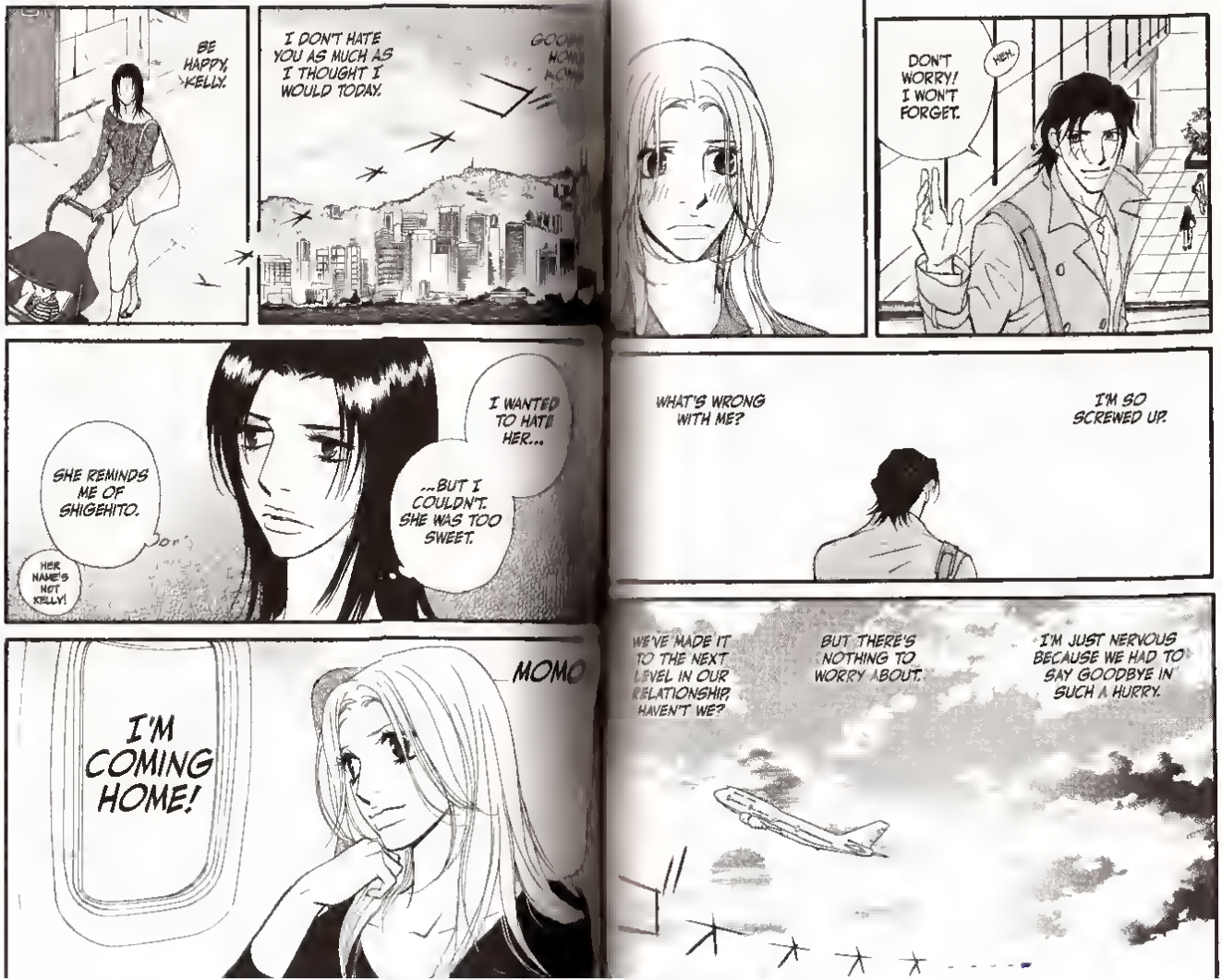
BE HAPPY, KELLY.
I DON'T HATE YOU AS MUCH AS I THOUGHT I WOULD TODAY.
DON'T WORRY! I WON'T FORGET.
HEH.
I WANTED TO HATE HER...
...BUT I COULDN'T. SHE WAS TOO SWEET.
SHE REMINDS ME OF SHIGEHITO.
HER NAME'S NOT KELLY!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
I'M SO SCREWED UP.
MOMO
I'M COMING HOME!
WE'VE MADE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL IN OUR RELATIONSHIP, HAVEN'T WE?
BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
I'M JUST NERVOUS BECAUSE WE HAD TO SAY GOODBYE IN SUCH A HURRY.

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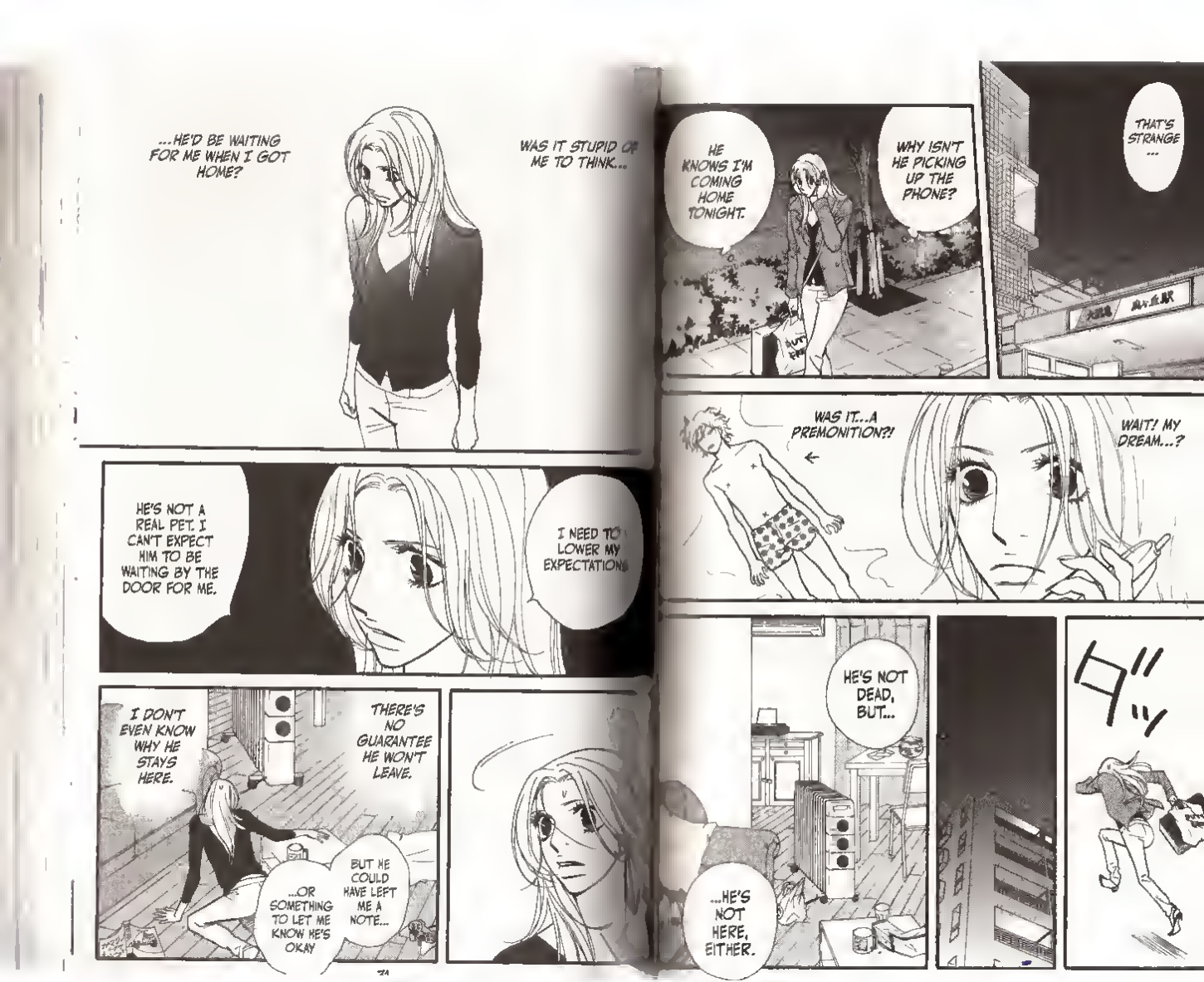
...HE'D BE WAITING FOR ME WHEN I GOT HOME?
WAS IT STUPID OF ME TO THINK...
HE KNOWS I'M COMING HOME TONIGHT.
WHY ISN'T HE PICKING UP THE PHONE?
THAT'S STRANGE ...
HE'S NOT A REAL PET. I CAN'T EXPECT HIM TO BE WAITING BY THE DOOR FOR ME.
I NEED TO LOWER MY EXPECTATIONS.
WAS IT...A PREMONITION?!
WAIT! MY DREAM...?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY HE STAYS HERE.
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE HE WON'T LEAVE.
BUT HE COULD HAVE LEFT ME A NOTE...
...OR SOMETHING TO LET ME KNOW HE'S OKAY
HE'S NOT DEAD, BUT...
...HE'S NOT HERE, EITHER.
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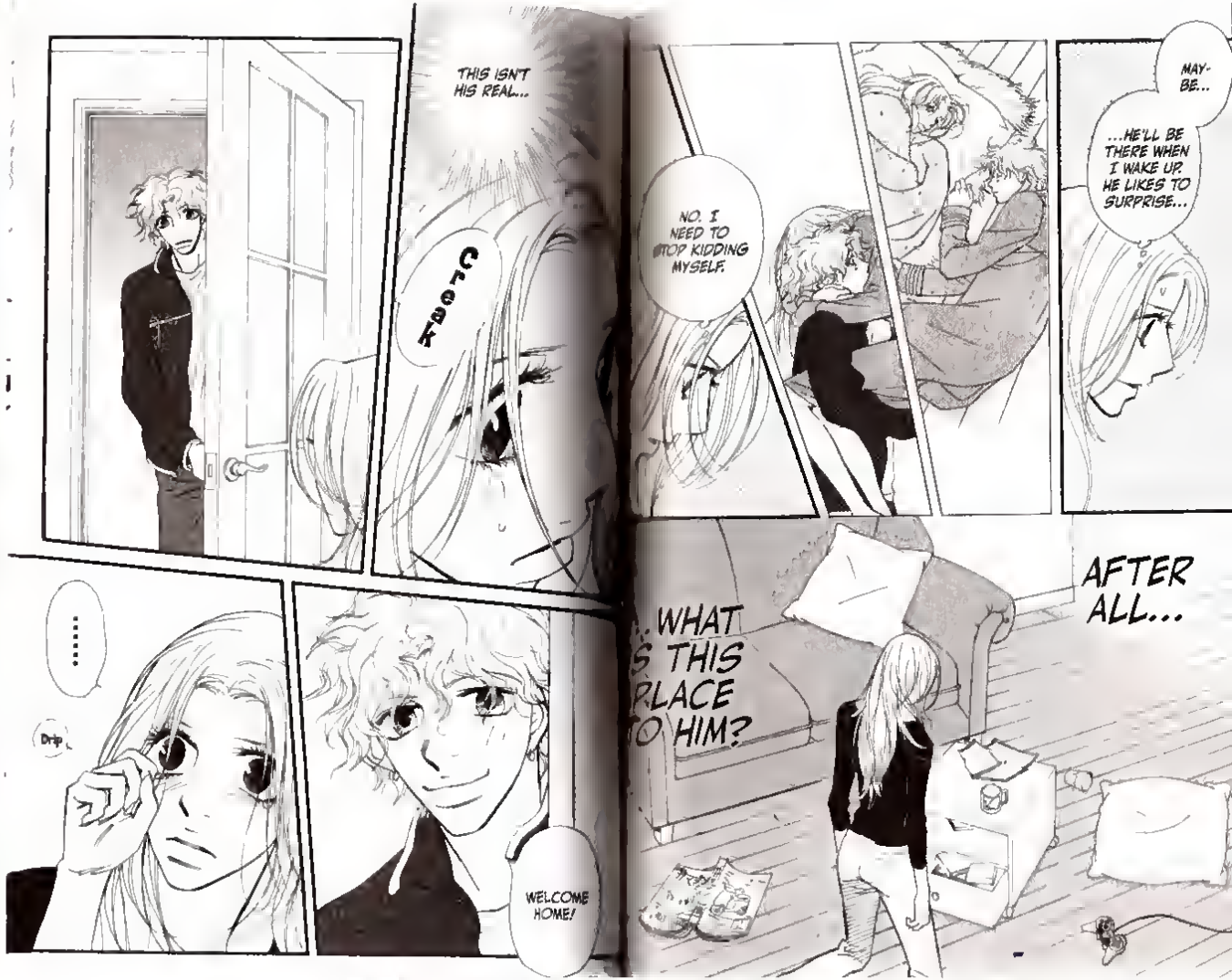

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AT THAT MOMENT...
I'M HAPPY YOU'RE BACK.
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GOING TO SAY THAT?
AS MANY TIMES AS I WANT.
WELCOME HOME!
YOU'RE BACK!
AHH!/
I MISSED THE SCENT OF YOUR HAIR.
...I REALIZED HIS REASON FOR STAYING HERE...
. WAS THE SAME AS MINE.
THIS IS A SANCTUARY.
THIS IS A HAVEN.
STOP THAT!
NOT TO MENTION THE SMELL OF PEKING DUCK, SHOO-RON-POO, PAD THAI AND--

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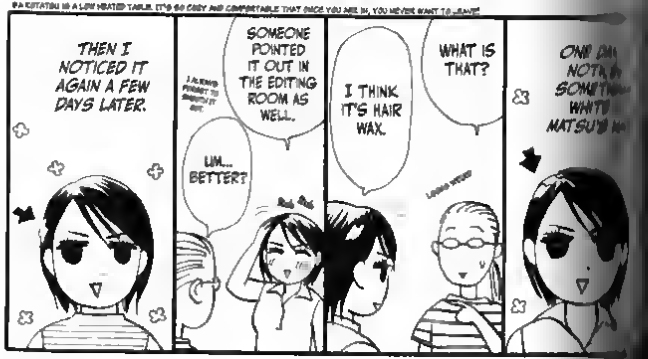
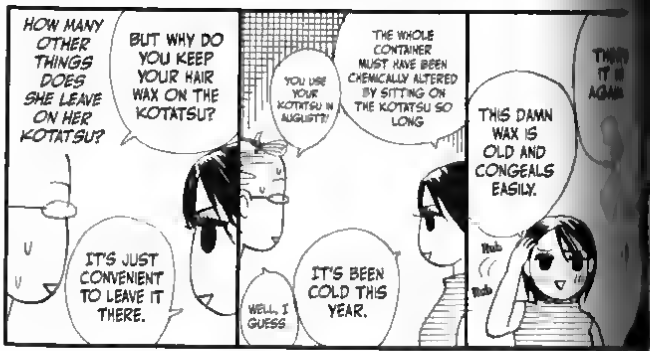
MA-CHAN GOES FOR IT!

A KOTATSU IS A LOW HEATED TABLE. IT'S SO COZY AND COMFORTABLE THAT ONCE YOU ARE IN, YOU NEVER WANT TO LEAVE!


THEN I NOTICED IT AGAIN A FEW DAYS LATER.
I ALWAYS FORGET TO SHAVE IT OUT.
SOMEONE POINTED IT OUT IN THE EDITING ROOM AS WELL.
UM... BETTER?
I THINK IT'S HAIR WAX.
WHAT IS THAT?
LOOKS WEIRD
ONE DAY, NOTICED SOMETHING WHITE ON MATSU'S LEG


HOW MANY OTHER THINGS DOES SHE LEAVE ON HER KOTATSU?
BUT WHY DO YOU KEEP YOUR HAIR WAX ON THE KOTATSU?
IT'S JUST CONVENIENT TO LEAVE IT THERE.
YOU USE YOUR KOTATSU IN AUGUST?
THE WHOLE CONTAINER MUST HAVE BEEN CHEMICALLY ALTERED BY SITTING ON THE KOTATSU SO LONG
WELL, I GUESS
IT'S BEEN COLD THIS YEAR.
THIS DAMN WAX IS OLD AND CONGEALS EASILY.
THERE IT IS AGAIN
Rub Rub

MA-CHAN'S COUNTER-ARGUMENT

KOTATSU ARE ABSOLUTELY GREAT! VIVA KOTATSU! THEY'RE SO NICE AND WARM AND COZY, ESPECIALLY ON COLD WINTER NIGHTS!

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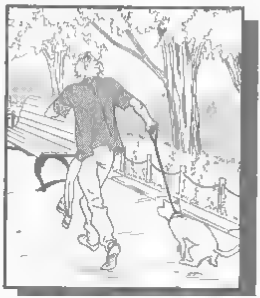

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MOMO.
DID HE REALLY GO OUT?
I'M DISGUSTED WITH EVERY HUMAN BEING HOWEVER I LOVE TO LAUGH, AND I CANNOT POSSIBLY LAUGH BY MYSELF
--SHIORAN
MOMO?
HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO START JOGGING THIS MORNING, BUT.
I'M IMPRESSED HE MANAGED TO GET OUT OF BED BEFORE NOON
HE'S A DIFFERENT PERSON WHEN IT COMES TO DANCING.

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Grab
MOMOTA!
MOMO! STOP PULLING SO HARD.
OH.. I SEE... ARE YOU AS OLD AS YOUR MASTER?
Arooo!
NOW THAT YOU'RE TIRED, MAYBE YOU WON'T PULL SO MUCH.
THERE!
Woof
WE'LL GO AROUND THE PARK SO YOU CAN REST.
EH... WELL .
PLEASE, ALLOW ME.
COME ON, POOCH.

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Grrrrr!!!
HAVEN'T WE, MOMO-CHAN?
BUT WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER A LONG TIME!
HERE'S YOUR WATER, MOMOTA.
WOULD YOU LIKE A DRINK?
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
SURE, THANKS!
WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG, SHE MUST HAVE BEEN. .
WHAT A PRETTY OLD LADY.
I HAVE SOME RED BEAN PASTE BREAD AT HOME.
I COULD MAKE YOU A SANDWICH IF YOU LIKE.
SOUNDS GREAT! THANK YOU.
ABOUT TIME YOU CAME HOME!
ISN'T THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO CAN HELP YOU TAKE CARE OF HIM?
NOT REALLY.
MY SON AND HIS WIFE LIVE IN CHIBA.
HE'S A GOOD BOY.
BUT HE CAN'T HEAR AS WELL AS HE USED TO.
HE'S JUST AN OLD DOTARD LIKE ME.
Woof!
Woof!

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IT'S LIKE THIS.
WATCH.
SURE!
MODERN DANCE?
CAN YOU SHOW ME?
I'M NOT HUNGRY.
WHAT? YOU'RE ALWAYS HUNGRY.
I HAVE TO GO, BUT YOU CAN WARM IT UP IN THE MICROWAVE
THE RICE IS COLD.
THAT'S OKAY...
OKAY. THAT'S FINE
I'M OFF NOW.
A LOVELY WOMAN JUST TREATED ME TO BREAKFAST FOR HELPING HER WALK HER DOG.
I'LL EAT LATER
HUH?
A LOVELY WOMAN?

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HE NEEDS ME TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.
...I DON'T THINK MOMO WOULD LIKE IT.
WELL...
BUT YOU'RE A WONDERFUL DANCER.
YOU MAY BE YOUNG...
THAT WAS... MARVEL-OUS!
YOU'RE VERY TALENTED.
THANKS, BUT I'M STILL LEARNING MY CRAFT.
...IF SUMIRE AND I WOULD SHARE A SIMILAR LIFELONG BOND.
HER WORDS MADE ME WON-DER..
NO, HE'S MY BOYFRIEND.
YOUR GRAND-SON?
AH HA HA! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO ORNERY!
WHO'S THIS HAND-SOME MAN YOU'RE WITH?
HELLO, MRS. TAKEUCHI.
THOUGH SHE'S MORE MILD-MANNERED AND GENTLE
LMM...
WELL, SHE REMINDS ME A LOT OF YOU.
HEY, MOMO
TELL ME ABOUT THAT WOMAN YOU MET THIS MORNING.
WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE HIM TO YOUR SON?
SAY, ISN'T IT HARD FOR YOU TO TAKE CARE OF MOMO BY YOURSELF?

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HE MEANS WELL.
HE JUST WORRIES TOO MUCH ABOUT ME
MY SON TOOK HIM.
HE SAID THAT...
..I COULD BARELY TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, SO HOW COULD I TAKE CARE OF A DOG?
LIVING WITH HIM IS THE BEST MEDICINE I COULD HAVE
RIGHT, MOMOTA?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM.
I CAN WALK HIM THREE TIMES A DAY IF YOU LIKE.
HEE HEE. NO, YOU NEEDN'T BOTHER.
THE NEXT DAY...
Aroo!
IT'S LIKE A PIECE OF HER IS MISSING.
SHE'S NOT THE SAME WITHOUT HIM.
...I NOTICED MOMOTA WAS GONE.
OH? REALLY? WELL, OKAY YOU KNOW, I WAS JUST THINKING OF SOMEONE..
NOT AT ALL TELL ME A STORY.
I'M SORRY TO BORE YOU. I'M SURE YOU'D RATHER BE DOING SOMETHING ELSE BESIDES LISTENING TO AN OLD WOMAN

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BOTH MY HUSBAND AND NEWBORN BABY WERE KILLED...
I HAD LOST EVERY-THING
HEY, YOU! DON'T JUST STAND THERE!!
RUN! YOU NEED TO FIND SHELTER BEFORE THE BOMBS FALL! RUN!
EH?
THIS STORY SOUNDS FAMILIAR
A LONG TIME AGO...
...I ONCE PICKED UP A BOY ON THE STREET
THERE SEEMED TO BE NO POINT TO ANYTHING.
THERE SEEMED TO BE NO POINT IN RUNNING AND HIDING.
IT WAS SHORTLY BEFORE THE WAR ENDED.
I WAS BURNED OUT OF MY OWN HOME, SO I WAS LIVING IN A RELATIVE'S BARN.
WAKE UP! AIR RAID!
DEAR, GET UP! WE HAVE TO RUN!

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PLEASE, AT LEAST LET THE CHILD INSIDE!
THERE'S NO MORE ROOM!
THANKS.
THERE'S A SHELTER IN FRONT OF THE STATION. GO THERE.
HERE, TAKE MY HOOD.
IN THE FACE OF SUCH UTTER MADNESS?
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE...
ARE YOU OKAY?
HEY, LITTLE BOY...
AH!
I SEE THE PLANES!
YOU NEED TO FIND SHELTER.
CAN'T YOU HEAR THE AIR RAID SIREN?

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I HOPE THEY GIVE US ENOUGH.
WE CAN GET SOME FOOD HERE.
NO. I JUST WANTED TO RETURN THIS HOOD.
DID YOU KNOW THEM?
EVERYONE HERE DIED
YUTA BECAME MY JOY.
AFTER THE WAR, YUTA WOULD BRING ME CIGARETTE BUTTS FROM THE STREET AND I WOULD REWRAP THE ENDS INTO FULL CIGARETTES TO SELL ON THE BLACK MARKET
HE'D BEEN BULLIED BECAUSE HE WAS DIFFERENT, AND SMALLER THAN THE OTHER BOYS.
THAT'S WHY HE RAN AWAY. HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO BACK.
THE BOY'S NAME WAS YUTA. HE'D ESCAPED FROM AN ORPHANAGE.
I STOPPED QUESTIONING THE POINT OF LIFE. I HAD FOUND IT AGAIN IN HIS SMILE.
YOU'LL LOOK NICER
WE NEED TO CUT YOUR HAIR.
YOU WOULD BE BETTER OFF IN A FOSTER HOME.
I CAN'T GET ENOUGH FOOD FOR US BOTH.

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IN FACT, HE LOOKED A LOT LIKE YOU.
EVENTUALLY, I LOCATED ONE OF HIS RELATIVES ..
..WHO MOVED HIM AWAY FROM JAPAN
I NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN .
...I WOULD NEVER HAVE SURVIVED.
IF I HADN'T MET YUTA...
I GUESS THERE WAS NO NEED TO GO TO THE PARK WITHOUT MOMOTA.
THE FOLLOWING MORNING, I DIDN'T SEE THE OLD LADY.
BUT IT BOTHERED ME
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS AN ADULT, I STILL RECOGNIZED HIM.
...UNTIL ONE DAY I THOUGHT I SAW HIS FACE ON A CROWDED STREET.

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UH... WHO ARE YOU?
I... MET HER IN THE PARK.
I USED TO HELP HER WALK MOMOTA.
THAT'S VERY KIND.
I FEEL HORRIBLE FOR TAKING MOMOTA FROM HER.
SOMETIMES CARING FOR ANOTHER BEING IS ALL YOU HAVE TO LIVE FOR.
I THOUGHT I WAS HELPING HER--THAT CARING AND WALKING THE DOG WAS TOO MUCH, BUT..
I THINK MOMOTA WAS MY MOTHER'S ONLY REASON TO LIVE.
HUH?
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU HADN'T HEARD.
HMM...
I GUESS I'LL TAKE A DIFFERENT ROUTE NOW.
HI, THERE.
POOR MRS TAKEUCHI PASSED AWAY
SHE DIED YESTERDAY HER SON IS IN TOWN HANDLING HER ESTATE.

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...I SAW SOMEONE WHO RESEMBLED YOU.
I WONDER WHO HE WAS.
I JUST HEARD
I'M SORRY, NO.
DID WE MEET...IN THE HOSPITAL?
THOUGH ...
YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME. I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU AND I'M SPILLING MY GUTS
...I RUSHED OVER AS FAST I COULD. ON MY WAY TO HER ROOM..
MY WIFE AND I WERE BOTH WORKING, BUT WHEN THE HOSPITAL CALLED TO SAY SHE WAS DYING...
SHE HAD BEEN IN A COMA FOR TWO DAYS.

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I PROMISE..
...I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU..
EH? WHERE'S THAT COMING FROM?
I'LL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE.
HEY, LISTEN... YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED ON THE SUBWAY...
I'M SO TIRED..
I'M HOME!
I THOUGHT SOMEONE ELSE WAS FEEDING YOU THESE DAYS
HEY! GET OFF ME!
OUCH!
SUMIRE-CHAN!
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!

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...THEN I WILL PRAY, EVERY TIME I LOOK UP...
...IF LOVING SOMEONE ELSE CAN MAKE YOU WHOLE...
IF THAT WOMAN CAN FIND STRENGTH IN CARING FOR ANOTHER...
DID YOU BREAK SOMETHING AGAIN?!
WHAT DID YOU BREAK?!
NO!!
ARE YOU JEALOUS?
...THAT HER SOUL WILL NEVER BE ALONE.

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IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SUMMER AFTER-NOON
HEY, MOMO
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
I'M JUST WARNING YOU, YOU SHOULDN'T BE SEEN ON THE BALCONY.
THE NEIGHBORS OR THE LANDLADY MIGHT SEE YOU.
I'M BASKING IN THE SUN LIKE A LIZARD
CARE TO JOIN ME? YOU COULD GO TOPLESS!
NO THANKS.

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IT COULD BE SOMETHING ELSE. MAYBE...
..AN ABANDONED MANSION.
YEAH, I'LL BET THAT'S WHAT IT IS.
I THINK IT'S TOO SMALL TO BE A PARK. SEE THE STONE STEPS? MAYBE IT'S A SHINTO SHRINE
I DON'T KNOW.
I TOLD THEM I WAS YOUR LOVER. ♡
.....
WHAT ?!
NO PROBLEM. I'M FRIENDS WITH THE LANDLADY AND TANAKA-SAN IN 502 ALREADY.
DON'T WORRY. THEY DON'T KNOW I'M YOUR PET.
A TOMB?! WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE SPOOKY?
..OR MAYBE A TOMB.
HE'S TAPED IN.
IT'S SERIOUSLY HOT IN HERE!
I WAS KIDDING! I TOLD THEM I'M YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER!
SUMIRE-CHAN! I'M DYING
DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME
IF IT'S A SHINTO SHRINE, I WIN THE BET.
HEY... WHY DON'T WE CHECK IT OUT?
YOU MEAN THE ONE THAT LOOKS LIKE A HILL?
DO YOU THINK THAT GROVE OVER THERE IS A PARK?
SHE HAS NO SENSE OF HUMOR.
HEY, MOMO.

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I THOUGHT IT WAS SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.
I'VE BEEN KEEPING IT SECRET.
CRAP?! THIS ISN'T CRAP. BESIDES, DON'T YOU WANT MY FAVORITE PEEPO-KUN BAG?
SOME SECRET. I ALREADY KNOW IT AND I DON'T WANT IT.
ANYTHING YOU WANT!
AND IF I'M WRONG, THEN YOU CAN HAVE MY COLLECTION.
WHY WOULD I WANT THAT CRAP?
MAYBE THEY'RE FURTHER IN THE PARK.
HMM, I DON'T SEE THE STONE STEPS.
Blue Sky Commune Circle
OKAY, LET'S TAKE A LOOK.
THERE IT IS!
IT'S GETTING DARK. MAYBE WE SHOULD.
WE'RE LOST.
OKAY, IF YOU WIN, I HAVE TO GIVE YOU NECK MASSAGES FOR A WEEK. HOW'S THAT SOUND?
DEAL.
STUPID COUPLE 3
STUPID COUPLE 2
STUPID COUPLE 1
BUT IF YOU LOSE,

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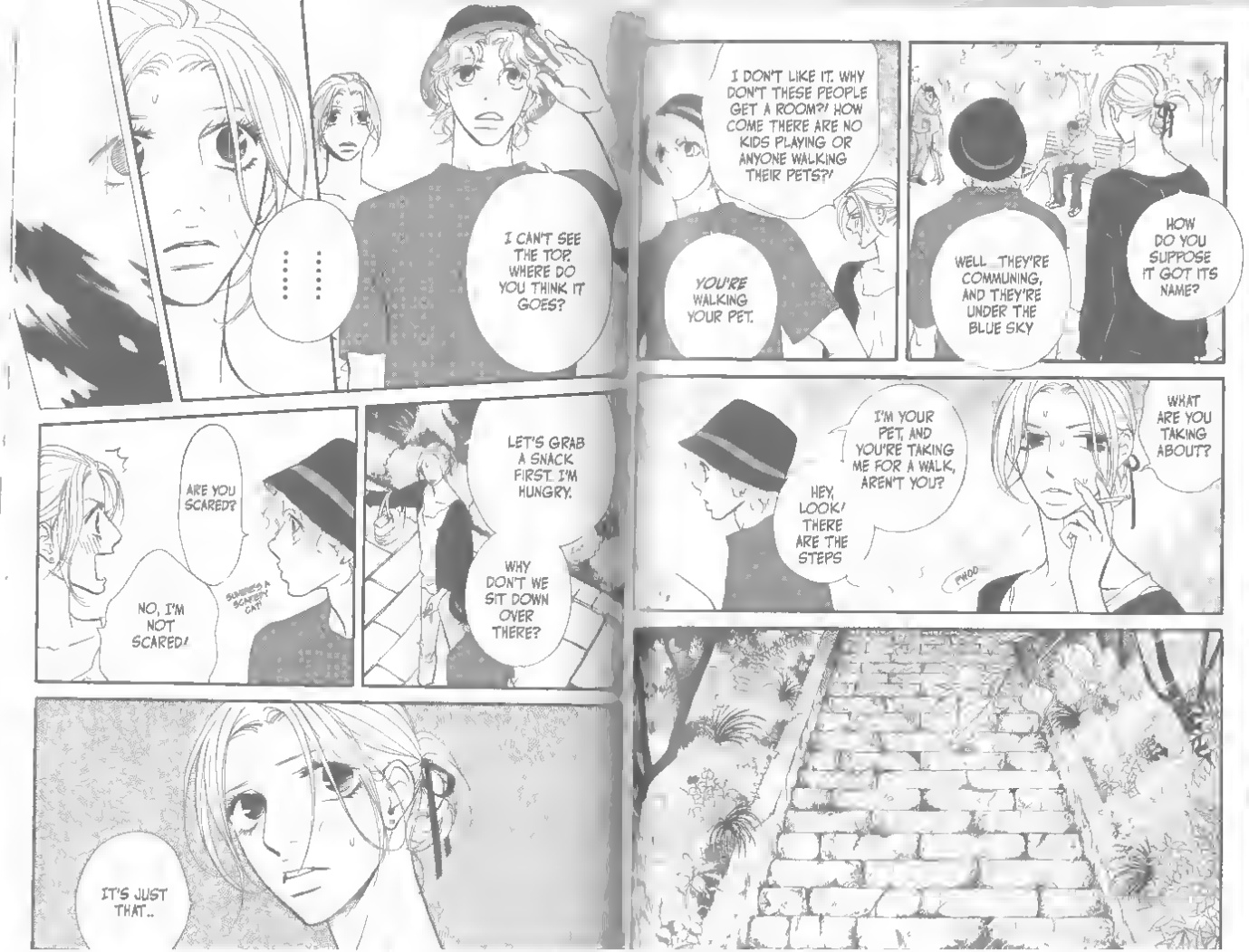
I CAN'T SEE THE TOP. WHERE DO YOU THINK IT GOES?
.....
I DON'T LIKE IT. WHY DON'T THESE PEOPLE GET A ROOM?! HOW COME THERE ARE NO KIDS PLAYING OR ANYONE WALKING THEIR PETS?!
YOU'RE WALKING YOUR PET.
HOW DO YOU SUPPOSE IT GOT ITS NAME?
WELL... THEY'RE COMMUNING, AND THEY'RE UNDER THE BLUE SKY
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M YOUR PET, AND YOU'RE TAKING ME FOR A WALK, AREN'T YOU?
HEY, LOOK! THERE ARE THE STEPS
PHOO
ARE YOU SCARED?
NO, I'M NOT SCARED!
SUREEE A SCAREDY CAT!
LET'S GRAB A SNACK FIRST. I'M HUNGRY.
WHY DON'T WE SIT DOWN OVER THERE?
IT'S JUST THAT..

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I ALREADY TOLD YOU, I CAN'T MAKE IT.
BESIDES, IF SHINOBU IS GOING, I DON'T NEED TO BE THERE.
YEAH, BUY HIM SOMETHING AND I'LL GO IN HALF.
THANKS, BYE.
DOESN'T MATTER. I'M NOT GOING.
BUT I DON'T GET ALONG WITH GRAMPS VERY WELL
WE EACH HAVE A DIFFERENT FAMILY PROTECTOR
MY SISTER IS GRANDPA'S FAVORITE. I'M MOM'S FAVORITE AND MY YOUNGER SISTER IS DAD'S.
SIGH.
WHEN'S YOUR GRANDPA'S BIRTHDAY?
YOU REALLY ARE SCARED.
THAT WAS WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL!
SO WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU CLIMB THE STAIRS?
THIS PLACE REMINDS ME OF AN EERIE GROVE WHERE I GREW UP.
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I WAS TOLD THE PLACE WAS HAUNTED AND THAT IF YOU WENT UP THE STAIRS, YOU'D NEVER COME BACK.
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
WELL... I THINK I CLIMBED UP..
BUT I DON'T REMEMBER ..
HELLO?
AKANE?
YES, I REMEMBER GRANDPA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

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ARE YOU GETTING TURNED ON?
YOU'RE BLUSHING.
"AAA!"
AAA!!
YOUR FAMILY IS VERY UNIQUE--
YOUR SNACK HAS BEEN CONFISCATED AS PUNISHMENT FOR STEPPING OUT OF LINE
THAT'S NOT FAIR! I'M HUNGRY!
HEY!!
TOO EMBARRASSED TO TURN AROUND
HEY. NO
NO.. I'M FEELING SHY.
WHO CARES? THEY'LL BE GONE SOON.
NO, YU-KUN. SOMEONE'S HERE.
THEY'RE NOT EVEN LOOKING
AH..
NO.. DON'T KISS ME THERE!
MMM... YES...
HAVEN'T YOU EVER FELT LIKE DOING IT IN PUBLIC WHEN YOU WERE IN LOVE?
NO, I'M NOT A MONKEY.
DO YOU THINK THEY'RE COMMUNING YET?
SHAME ON THEM.

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..BUT I DIDN'T CARE IF THE GHOST GRABBED ME AFTER WHAT HE SAID..
I BELIEVED THERE WAS A GHOST AND I WAS VERY SCARED
I TRIED HARD, EVEN THOUGH I HATED IT.
GRANDPA ONLY PRAISED ME FOR MY KARATE.
KARATE?
I REMEMBER NOW. I DID CLIMB THE STAIRS.
I SKIPPED THE KARATE MATCH.
SHINOBU'S PIANO RECITAL IS TOMORROW, RIGHT?
I DON'T THINK I NEED TO ATTEND THAT.
SO IS SUMIRE'S KARATE MATCH.
ACTUALLY, I HATED HIM.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. I WAS JUST ANGRY.
YOU WANTED TO GET BACK AT GRANDPA.
I SEE...
I DON'T REMEMBER
IT'S NOT COMING BACK TO ME..
THEN WHAT HAPPENED?

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BUT WHO WILL PROTECT YOU?
DON'T WORRY. I'M HERE. I'LL PROTECT YOU.
THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE
I WASN'T ABDUCTED BY ALIENS.
DID YOU HAVE STRANGE BRUISES?
WAS YOUR WATCH NINE MINUTES BEHIND?
I KNOW.
LET'S PLAY ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS
COME ON, LET'S GO

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I THINK I'M GETTING A BLISTER
YEAH, I SHOULD'VE WORN DIFFERENT SHOES
THEY SORE?
BESIDES, MY FEET HURT.
WE SHOULDN'T. THE SIGN SAYS NOT TO GO IN THIS WAY.
WHAT'S WRONG? DON'T YOU WANT TO KEEP GOING?
I'LL BE CAREFUL.
I DON'T THINK SO
NO WAY! WE COULD DIE IF YOU STUMBLED AND WE FELL DOWN THESE STEPS.
EXCUSE ME?
OKAY, I'LL CARRY YOU
THIS IS TOO DANGEROUS!
STOP IT!
LET'S GO.
HUH?
WHAT?
QUIT ACTING SO SILLY! WE'RE NOT LIKE THE STUPID COUPLES AROUND HERE, YOU KNOW
BUT YOU CLING TO ME LIKE WE ARE.
HUH... GUESS SO...
Please Enter Shrine from Front Pathway
SEE! IT IS A SHINTO SHRINE!
"PLEASE ENTER SHRINE FROM FRONT PATHWAY"
I KICK ASS!
IT'S NOT SUCH A BIG DEAL
YAHOO! I WON!

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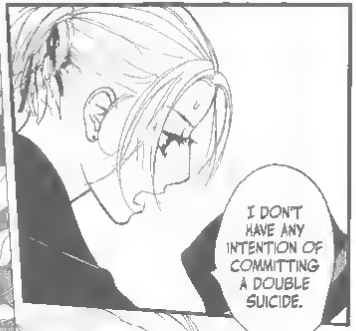

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I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
MY ANKLE HURTS...
I CAN'T WALK...
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I HAD BEEN THERE, WHEN...
I WAS ALONE AND EVENTUALLY CRIED MYSELF TO SLEEP
GRANDPA.
YOU HAD ME WORRIED.
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE OKAY.

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I LOVE BEING WITH YOU
THANKS, MOMO
FOR WHAT?
I GOT TO SEE HER BRA.
JUST THE BACK OF IT THOUGH.
MOST GUYS ARE BOTHERED THAT I'M TALLER THAN THEY ARE.
YOU HELPED ME REMEMBER...
...A VERY PRECIOUS MEMORY
HAVE YOU?
BY THE WAY...
YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOU LOST OUR BET..
SERIOUSLY, THOUGH.
I HAD A GOOD TIME TODAY, TOO.
CUT IT OUT!
DO YOU REMEMBER THE INSIDE OF THE SHIP?
I WANT TO BELIEVE

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OKAY!! OKAY, OKAY!
MAYBE I'LL JUST TELL TANAKA-SAN IN APARTMENT 502 THAT WE ARE LOVERS. HE SEEMS TO BE SUSPICIOUS ANYWAY...
Ufmmh
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU DON'T REMEMBER.
YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING WHAT I BET MY OWNER.
PROMISE!
ALL RIGHT! WE'LL DO IT ON YOUR NEXT DAY OFF
EH?! YOU MEAN WE HAVE TO WAIT?
YOU'LL HAVE TO READ THE NEXT CHAPTER TO FIND OUT!

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YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO BE A PET.
YOU'RE NO GOOD, SUMIRE-CHAN.
DON'T TOUCH MY FACE!
Flick
PROMISE!
WE'LL DO IT ON YOUR NEXT DAY OFF.
I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY PET. ISN'T SHE CUTE?
OPEN WIDE.
MY NAME IS TAKESHI GOUDA.
THERE.
IF YOU PUSH THIS TOO FAR, IT'S OVER, GOT IT?
YOU'RE LUCKY...
...I'M EVEN INDULGING YOU AT ALL.
Chew
HER NAME IS SUMIRE-CHAN. SHE'S A 28-YEAR-OLD HUMAN.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO BE A GOOD OWNER.
YOU CAN'T EVEN COOK.
HEY, SUMIRE BABY!
...SHE HAS TO BE MY PET FOR A WHOLE DAY.
I WON A BET, AND SINCE SHE LOST...
WHY IS EVERYTHING SOGGY?!
HOW ABOUT A COOKIE DIPPED IN MILK?
THIS CEREAL'S TOO SOGGY. I'M NOT EATING ANY MORE.
YUMMY?
NASTY.
SUMIRE WILL EAT ANYTHING MOISTENED WITH MILK.

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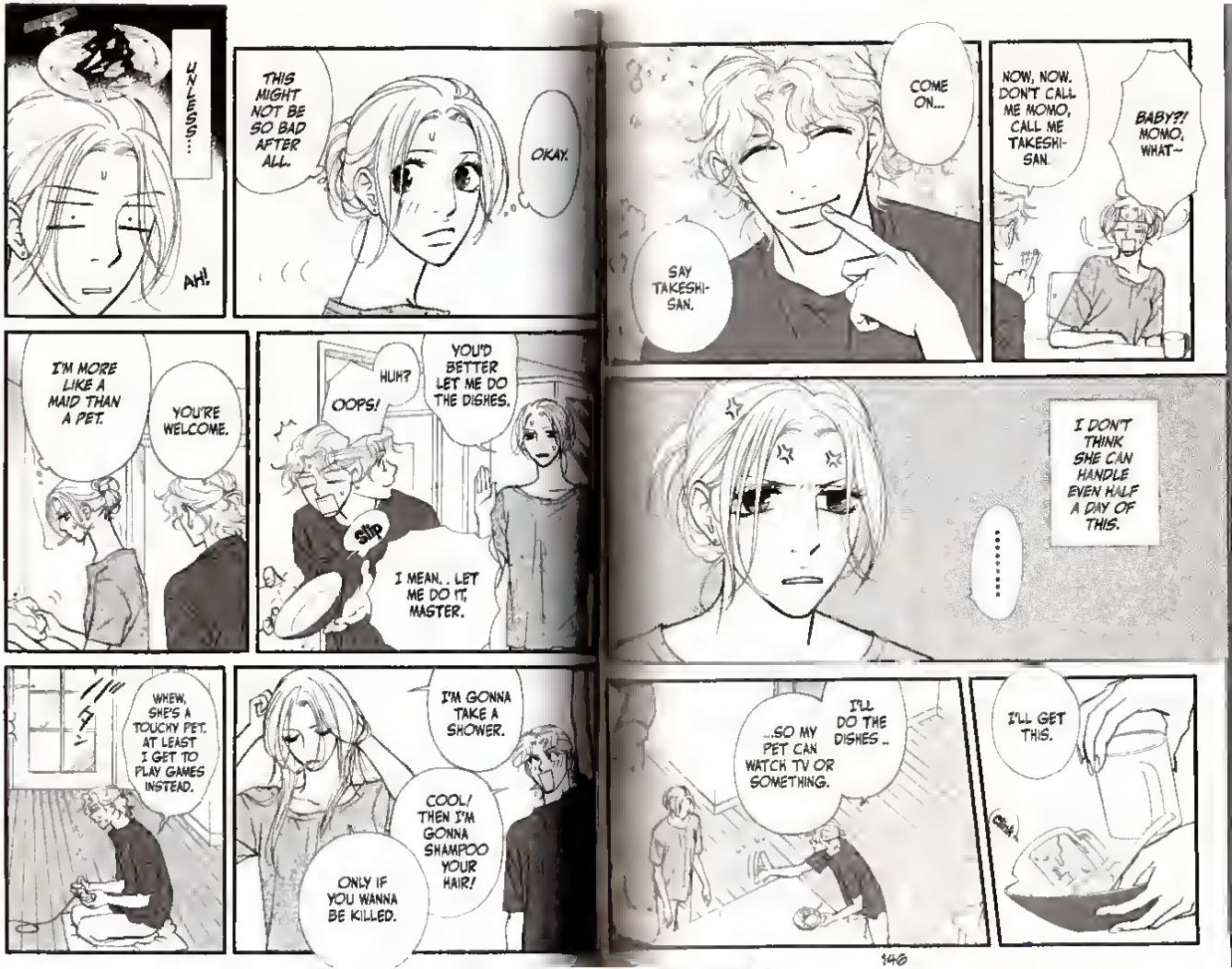
UNLESS...
AH!
THIS MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD AFTER ALL.
OKAY.
COME ON...
SAY TAKESHI-SAN.
NOW, NOW. DON'T CALL ME MOMO, CALL ME TAKESHI-SAN.
BABY?! MOMO, WHAT--
I'M MORE LIKE A MAID THAN A PET.
YOU'RE WELCOME.
HUH?
OOPS!
SLIP
YOU'D BETTER LET ME DO THE DISHES.
I MEAN.. LET ME DO IT, MASTER.
I DON'T THINK SHE CAN HANDLE EVEN HALF A DAY OF THIS.
.....
WHEW, SHE'S A TOUCHY PET. AT LEAST I GET TO PLAY GAMES INSTEAD.
I'M GONNA TAKE A SHOWER.
COOL! THEN I'M GONNA SHAMPOO YOUR HAIR!
ONLY IF YOU WANNA BE KILLED.
...SO MY PET CAN WATCH TV OR SOMETHING.
I'LL DO THE DISHES..
I'LL GET THIS.
CLINK

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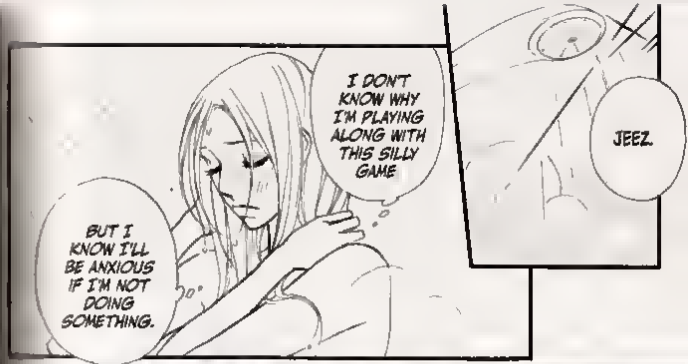
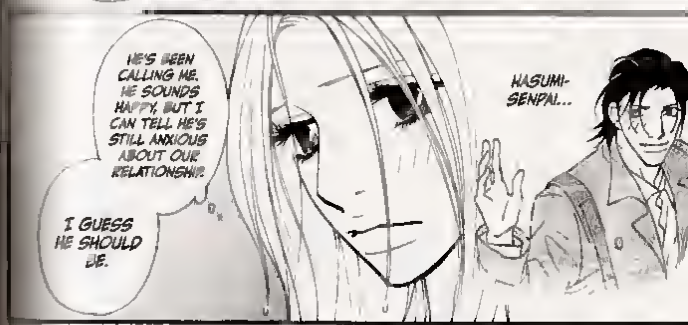
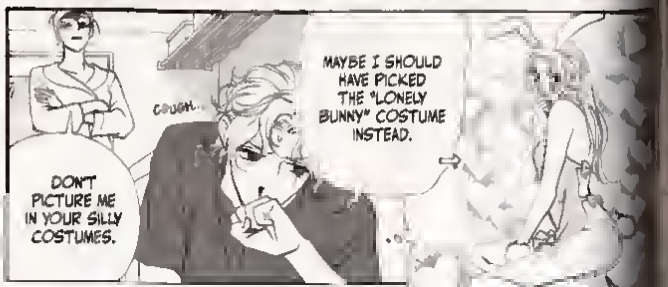



HE'S BEEN CALLING ME. HE SOUNDS HAPPY, BUT I CAN TELL HE'S STILL ANXIOUS ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP.
I GUESS HE SHOULD BE.
HASUMI-SENPAI...



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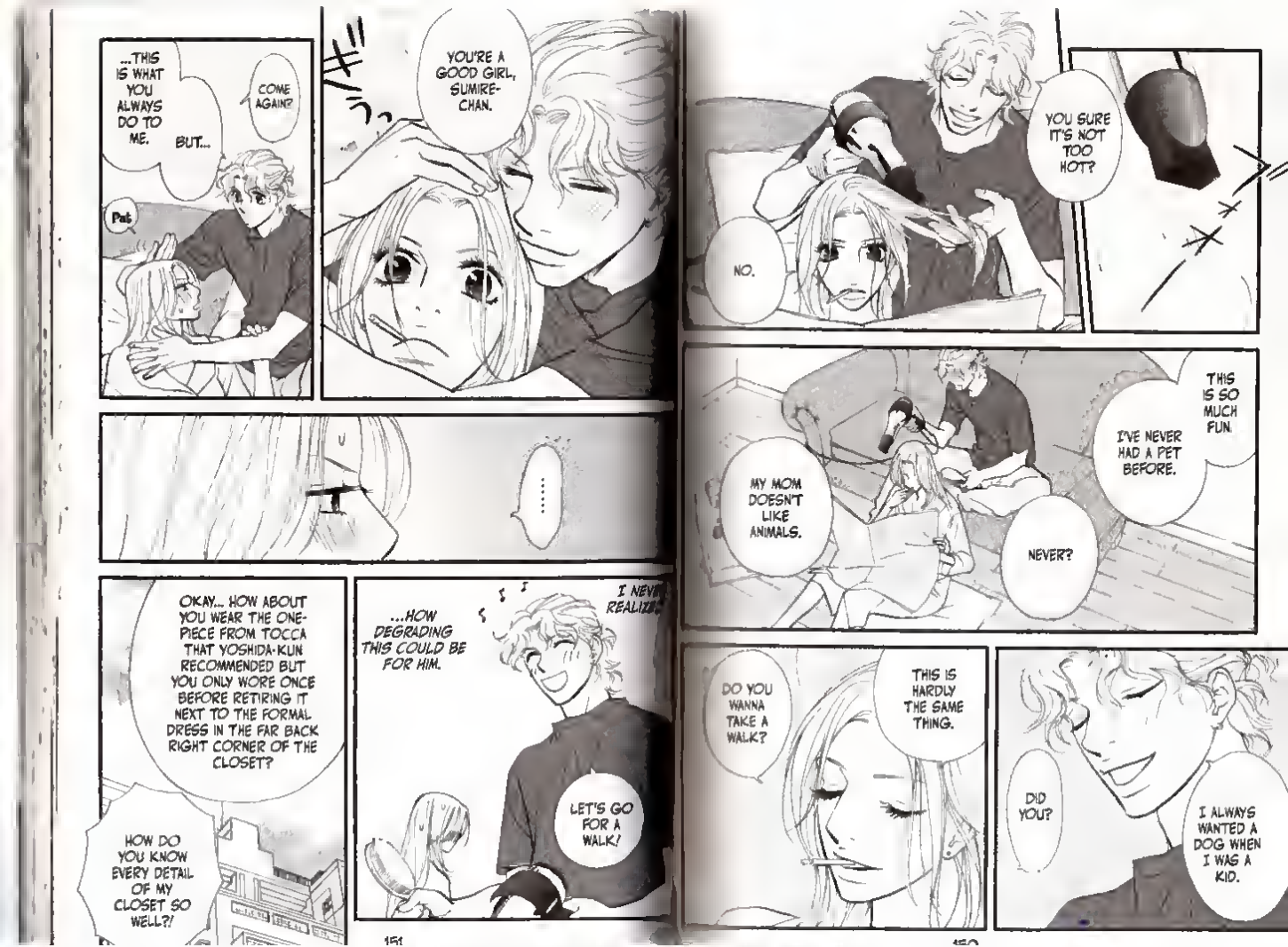
...THIS IS WHAT YOU ALWAYS DO TO ME.
BUT...
COME AGAIN?
Pat
YOU'RE A GOOD GIRL, SUMIRE-CHAN.
U
.....
OKAY... HOW ABOUT YOU WEAR THE ONE-PIECE FROM TOCCA THAT YOSHIDA-KUN RECOMMENDED BUT YOU ONLY WORE ONCE BEFORE RETIRING IT NEXT TO THE FORMAL DRESS IN THE FAR BACK RIGHT CORNER OF THE CLOSET?
HOW DO YOU KNOW EVERY DETAIL OF MY CLOSET SO WELL?!
...HOW DEGRADING THIS COULD BE FOR HIM.
I NEVER REALIZED
LET'S GO FOR A WALK!
NO.
YOU SURE IT'S NOT TOO HOT?
MY MOM DOESN'T LIKE ANIMALS.
I'VE NEVER HAD A PET BEFORE.
THIS IS SO MUCH FUN.
NEVER?
DO YOU WANNA TAKE A WALK?
THIS IS HARDLY THE SAME THING.
DID YOU?
I ALWAYS WANTED A DOG WHEN I WAS A KID.

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AND NOW, THE LATEST REPORT ON THE SARS EPIDEMIC.
I'LL TEACH YOU LITTLE BRATS NOT TO BE SO RUDE! I CAN'T HELP THE WAY I WAS BORN!
DON'T SAY THAT!
AAAH
IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT, EITHER.
HONG KONG... I WISH I COULD...
HONG KONG IS FINALLY RETURNING TO ORDER, NOW THAT THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE IS IN CHECK.
HEY! THAT LOOKS LIKE SENPAI!
HOWEVER, MANY PEOPLE STILL CHOOSE TO WEAR MASKS AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.

I HATE THIS DRESS. I LOOK LIKE THE WORLD'S BIGGEST GIRL SCOUT.
OR LIKE I'M THREE.
YOU LOOK CUTE.
ARE YOU GUYS DATING?
UNEXPECTEDLY, THE GIRL ON THE LEFT BECAME FIRSTTIME WHEN SHE GOT SUPER.
SEE I TOLD YOU.
IF THEY WERE DATING, THE GUY WOULD BE BIGGER.
LIM... WELL...
NO, WE'RE NOT.
SO QUICK!
NOT EVEN A HINT OF HESITATION

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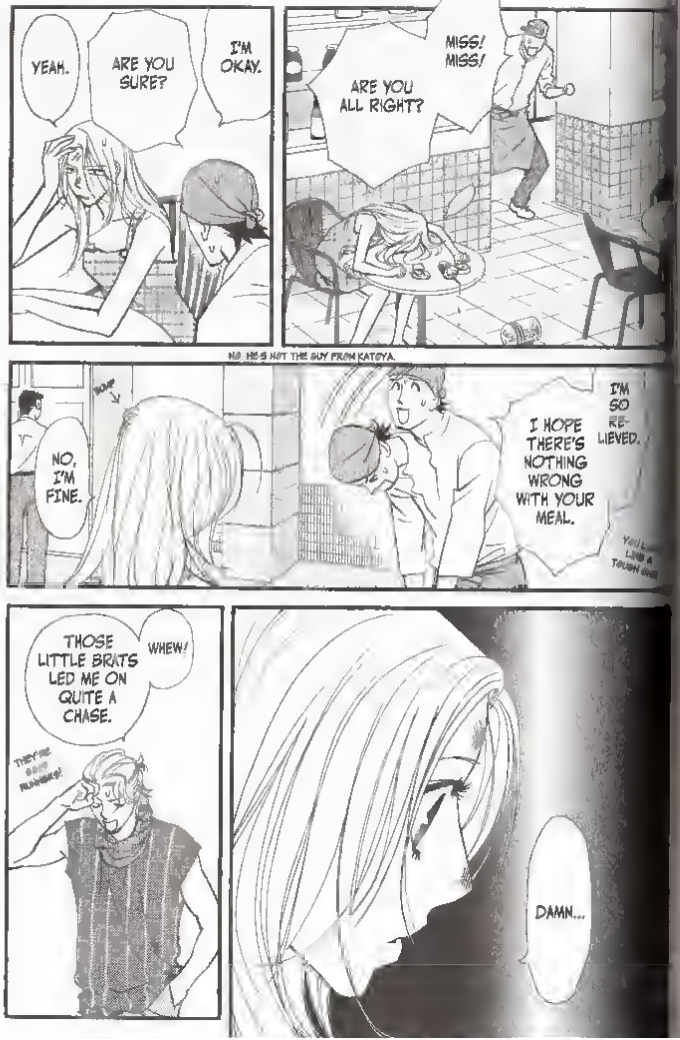

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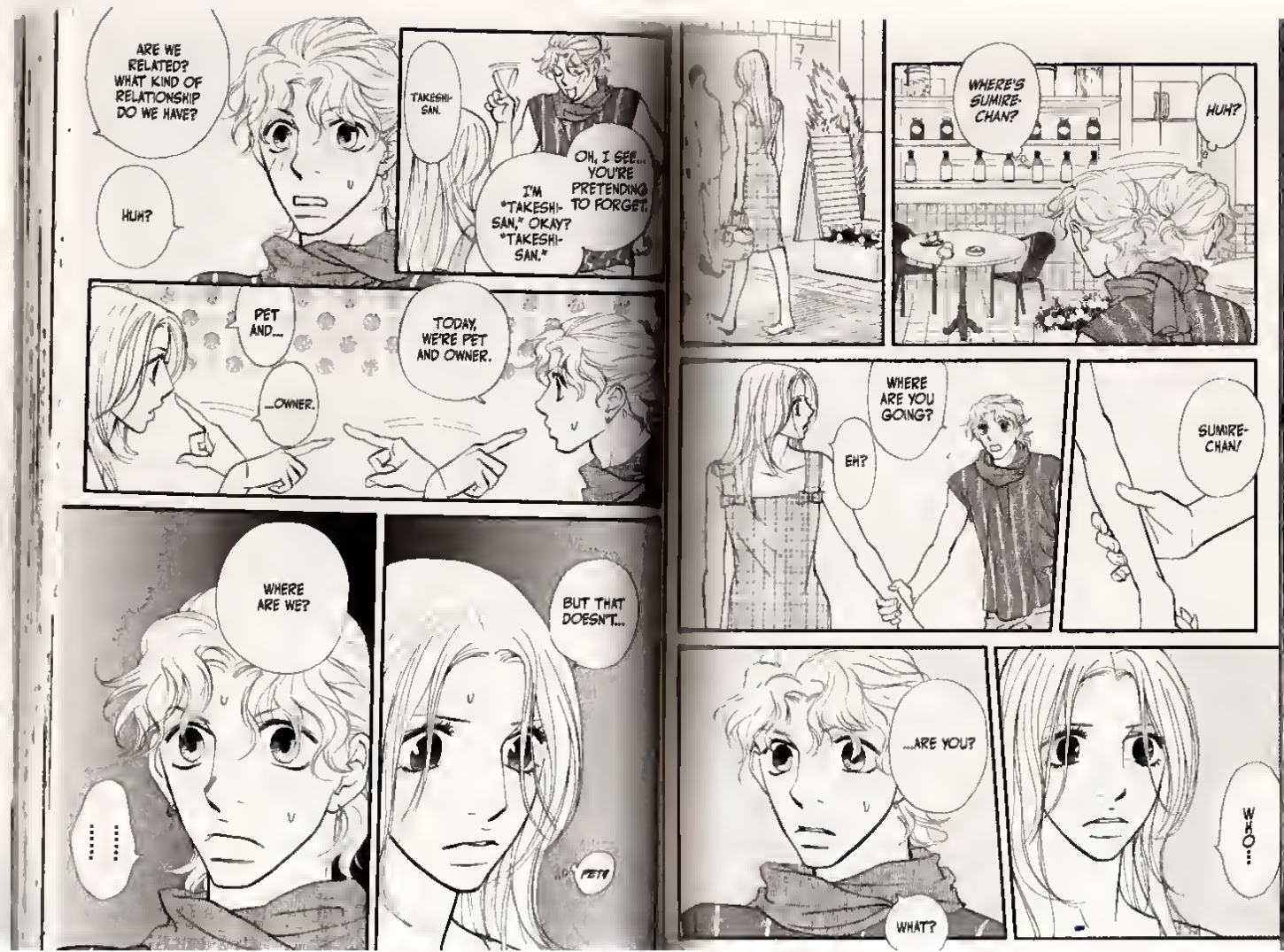

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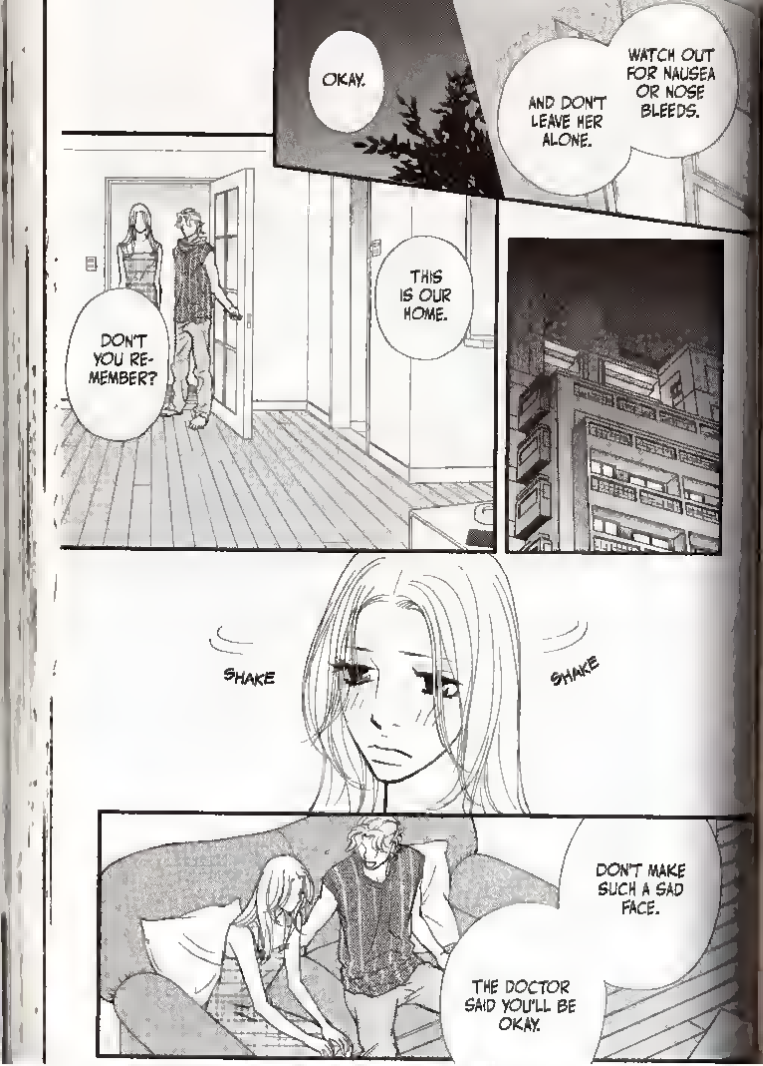

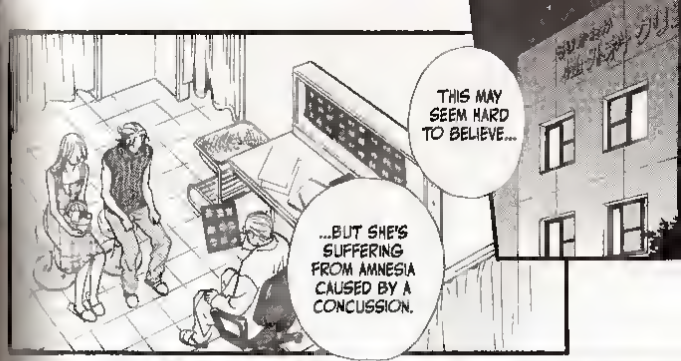

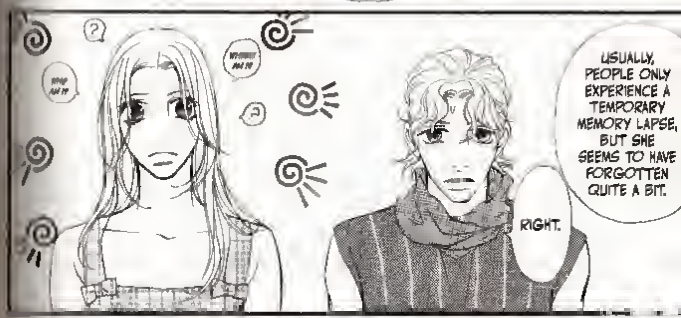
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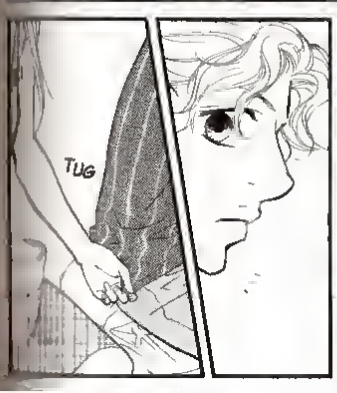
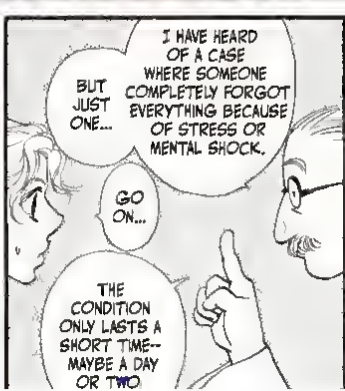
WHAT AM I?
WHO AM I?
USUALLY, PEOPLE ONLY EXPERIENCE A TEMPORARY MEMORY LAPSE, BUT SHE SEEMS TO HAVE FORGOTTEN QUITE A BIT.
RIGHT.




I HAVE HEARD OF A CASE WHERE SOMEONE COMPLETELY FORGOT EVERYTHING BECAUSE OF STRESS OR MENTAL SHOCK.
BUT JUST ONE...
GO ON...
THE CONDITION ONLY LASTS A SHORT TIME-- MAYBE A DAY OR TWO

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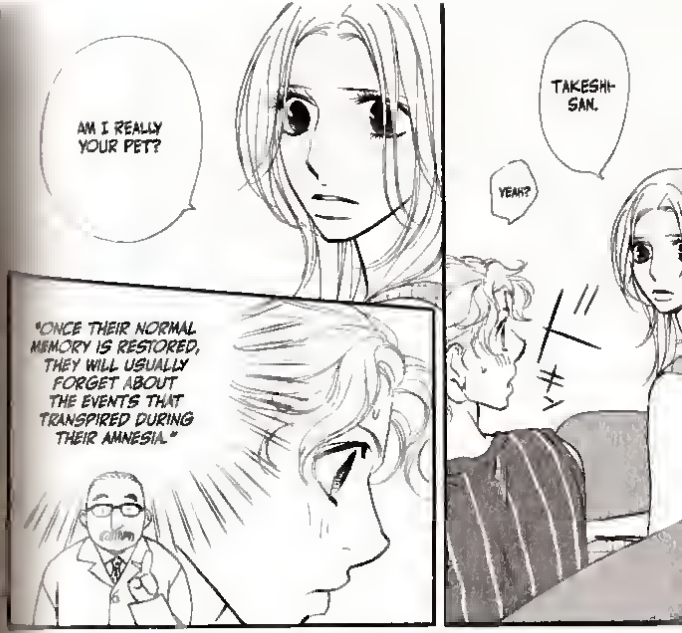
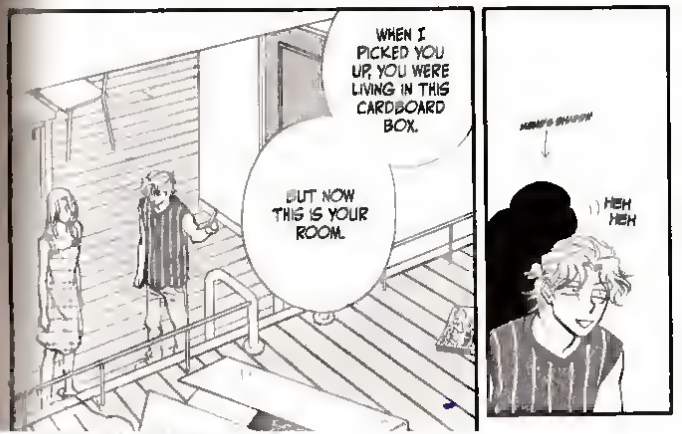
HEE HEE HEE!
SHE BELIEVES IT!
PFFT!
DO I HAVE ANY CLOTHES? IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE I CAN CHANGE INTO?
I'LL BRING YOU SOMETHING TO WEAR.
NOW YOU'VE GROWN
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE SMALLER WHEN I FIRST BROUGHT YOU HOME.
I CAN'T FIT IN HERE.
THIS IS WHAT YOU ALWAYS WEAR AT HOME.
HERE YA GO.


AM I REALLY YOUR PET?
"ONCE THEIR NORMAL MEMORY IS RESTORED, THEY WILL USUALLY FORGET ABOUT THE EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED DURING THEIR AMNESIA."
TAKESHI-SAN.
YEAH?



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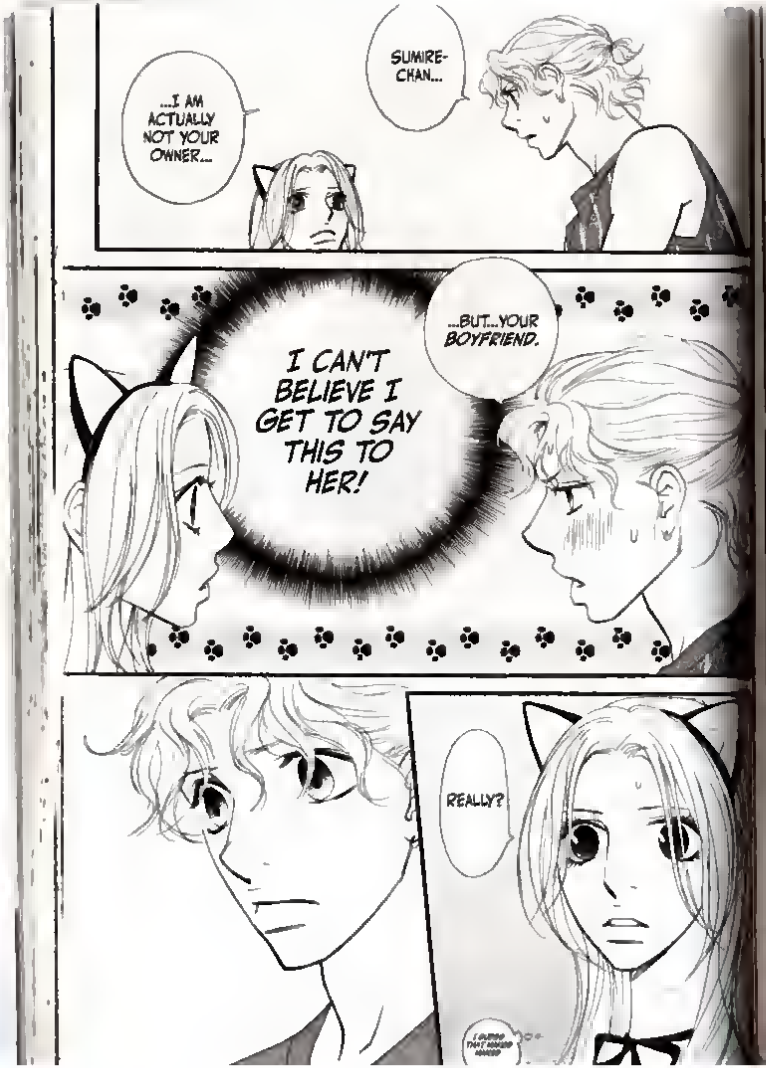

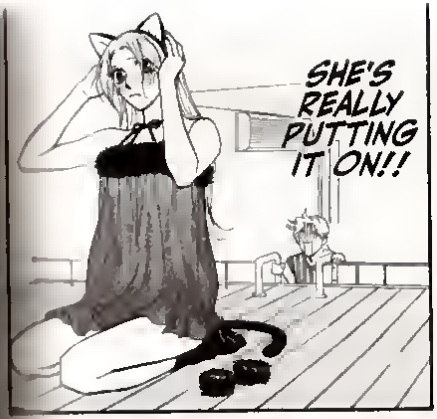

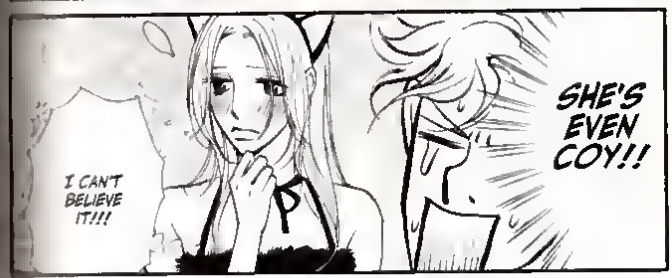

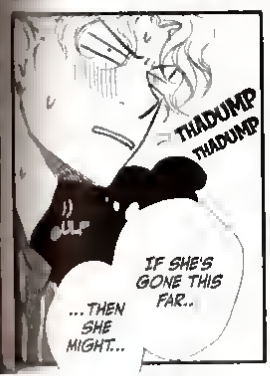

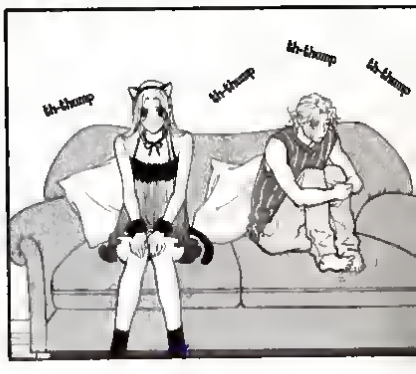

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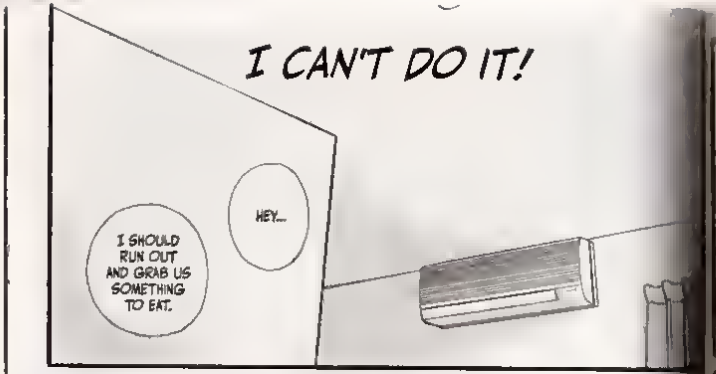

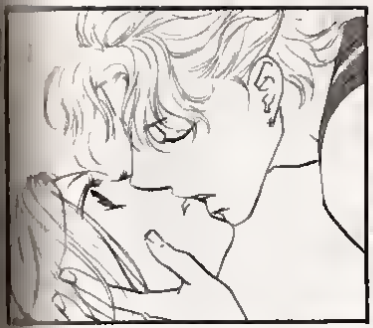

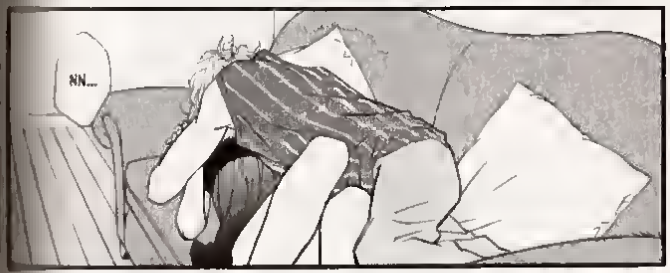

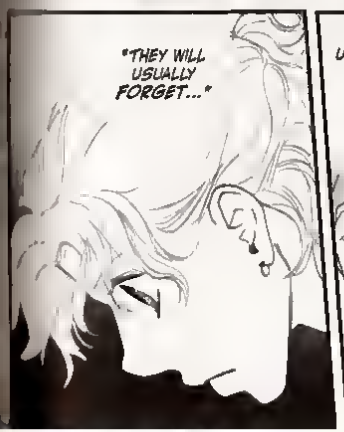

"THEY WILL USUALLY FORGET ABOUT THE EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED DURING THEIR AMNESIA."
SHE'S NOT SLAPPING OR KICKING ME OFF OF HER.

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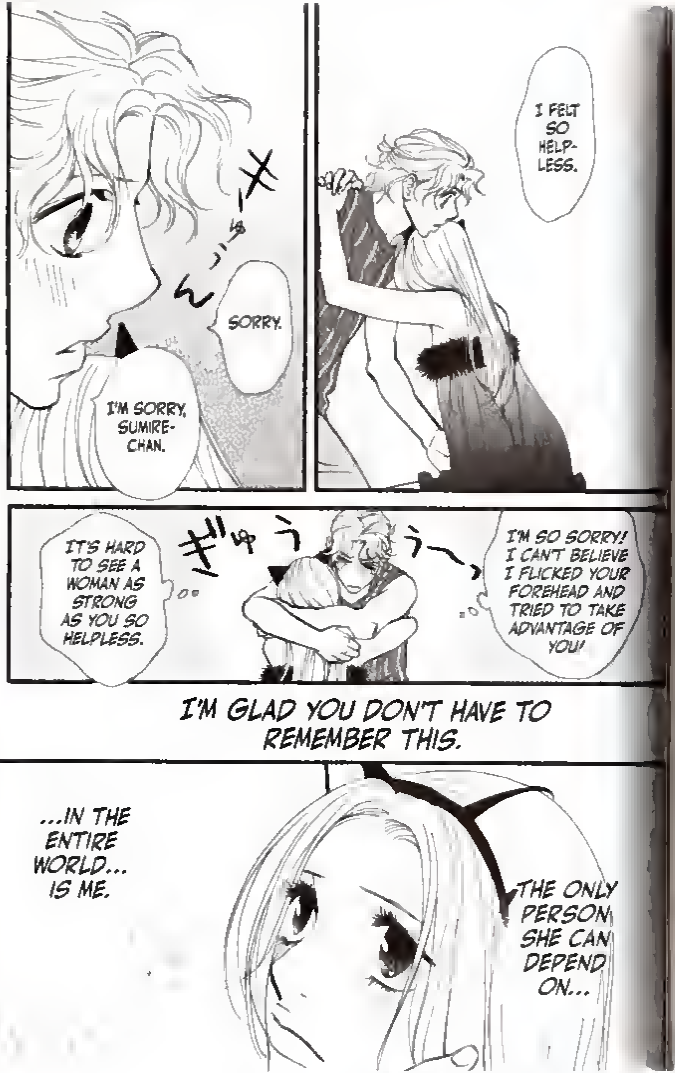
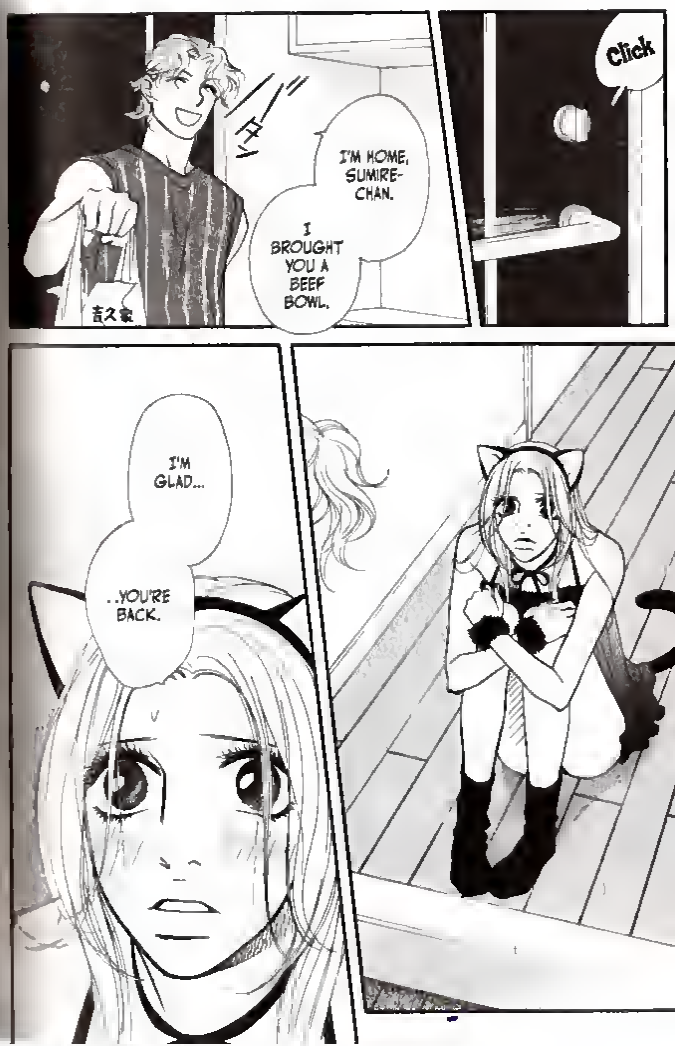

I'M SORRY, SUMIRE-CHAN.
SORRY.
I FELT SO HELP-LESS.
IT'S HARD TO SEE A WOMAN AS STRONG AS YOU SO HELPLESS.
I'M SO SORRY! I CAN'T BELIEVE I FLICKED YOUR FOREHEAD AND TRIED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU!
I'M GLAD YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMEMBER THIS.
...IN THE ENTIRE WORLD... IS ME.
THE ONLY PERSON SHE CAN DEPEND ON...



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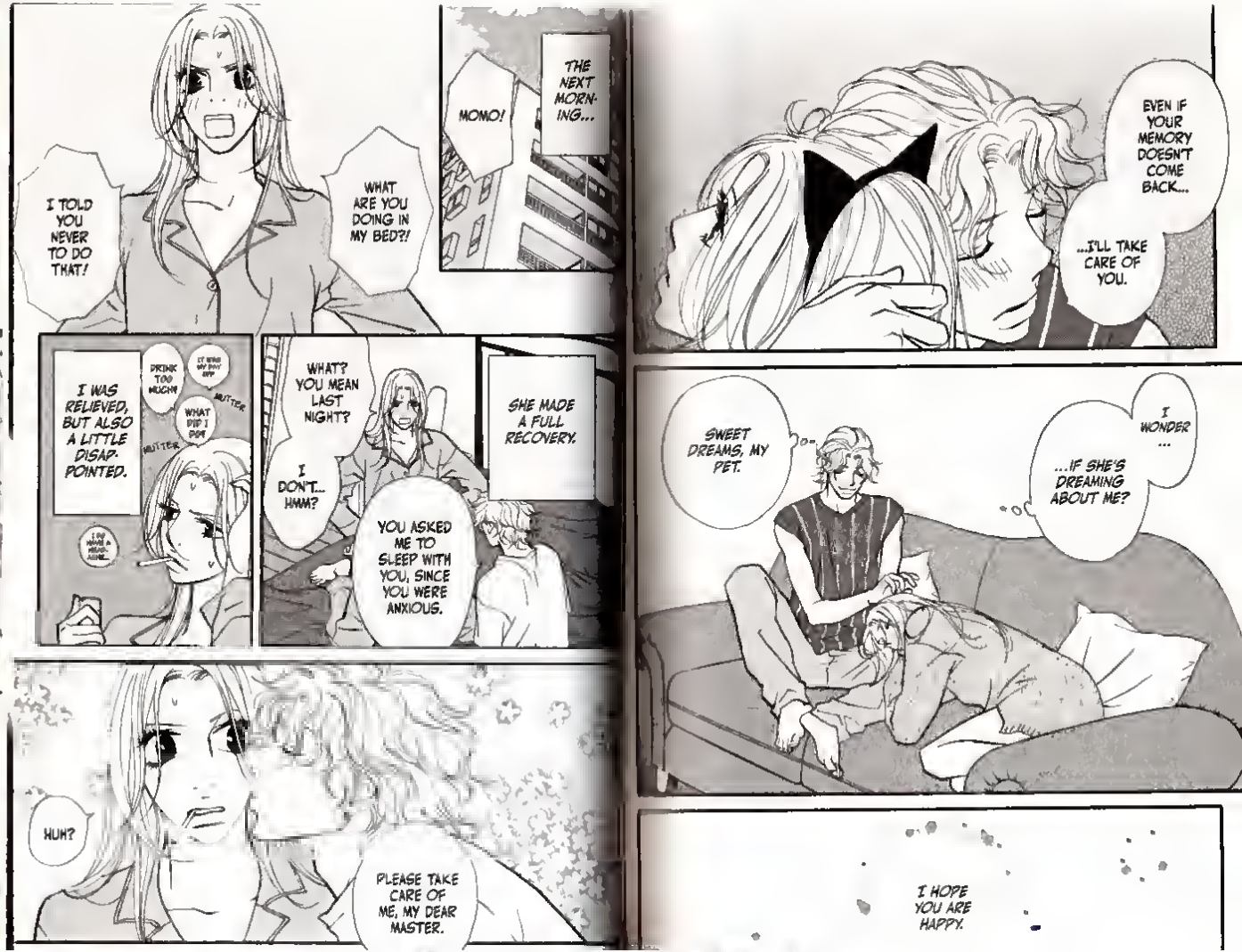
I TOLD YOU NEVER TO DO THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY BED?!
MOMO!
THE NEXT MORNING...
EVEN IF YOUR MEMORY DOESN'T COME BACK...
...I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.
I WAS RELIEVED, BUT ALSO A LITTLE DISAP-POINTED.
DRINK TOO MUCH!
IT WAS MY FIRST TIME!
WHAT DID I DO?
MUTTER
MUTTER
I'M HAVING A HEADACHE...
WHAT? YOU MEAN LAST NIGHT?
I DON'T... HMM?
YOU ASKED ME TO SLEEP WITH YOU, SINCE YOU WERE ANXIOUS.
SHE MADE A FULL RECOVERY.
SWEET DREAMS, MY PET.
I WONDER ...
...IF SHE'S DREAMING ABOUT ME?
HUH?
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME, MY DEAR MASTER.
I HOPE YOU ARE HAPPY.

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HONG KONG
TAKE IT EASY TODAY. DON'T OVERDO IT, OKAY?
AH, HOW ARE YOU?
GOOD MORNING.
I HEARD YOU HAD TO GO TO A CLINIC. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES. IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.
WHY...
...DOES THAT MAKE ME FEEL ANXIOUS?
...I JUST KNOW IT!
SOME-THING BAD IS GOING TO HAP-PEN.!!

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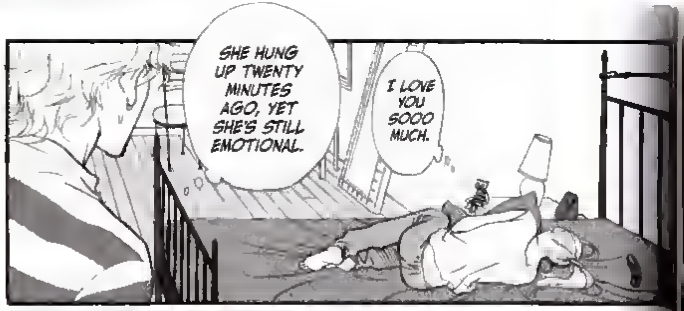

BESIDES, IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO CALL ME, SO IT MUST BE IMPORTANT.
DON'T WORRY. I'M FINE.
BUT, I DON'T WANT YOU TO CATCH A COLD FROM BEING WET. YOU COULD GET PNEUMONIA.

IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED ABOUT HIM, WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO TO HONG KONG WITHOUT TELLING WORK?
NO. IF I GET CAUGHT, I COULD GET IN BIG TROUBLE.

HE ASKED ME TO SEND HIM A PICTURE TO PUT IN HIS ROOM.
WELL, IT'S THE ONLY RECENT PHOTO I HAVE.
DON'T SEND THIS. IT LOOKS LIKE A DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTO.

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I'M ALL YOURS, BABY. TAKE ME.
SHOW OFF YOUR SHOULDERS, POSE WITH YOUR LIPS HALF OPEN AND DESIRE IN YOUR EYES.
YEAH, I'LL TAKE A PICTURE THAT MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE ONE HOT CHICK.♡
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
THERE'S NO POINT IN SENDING SUCH A BAD PHOTO.
I'LL TAKE A BETTER PICTURE. GO CHANGE INTO SOMETHING NICE.
ACTUALLY, EVEN JUST A PICTURE OF YOU ASLEEP WOULD BE BETTER THAN THAT CRAPPY OLD PHOTO.
THAT'S ENOUGH.
CAN I HELP YOU?
I'M SORRY... BUT DO YOU HAVE A VISITOR'S PASS?
DO YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND HUGH OSWALD?
DO YOU...
HE'S OUT RIGHT NOW.
THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS PUT IT IN A FRAME.
IT'D LOOK A BIT NICER.
OH, JUST FORGET IT!!
THIS PHOTO IS FINE.
YOU CAN'T SEND HIM A PICTURE OF YOU LOOKING LIKE THAT!
IT'S FINE!

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WHAT IS GOING ON?
YOU!
YOU LIAR! YOU'RE SUCH AN ASSHOLE!
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QUIT YELLING, AYAKO! CALM DOWN!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!
.....?
OH, SHIT! AYAKO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
WHERE WERE YOU LAST NIGHT? HOW COME YOU WEREN'T WORKING LIKE YOU SAID YOU'D BE?
HUGH!
I AM SO COOL.
WHAT?!
THEN WHY DO YOU HAVE THIS PHOTO ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND?!
WERE YOU WITH THIS WOMAN LAST NIGHT?!
NO!
IWAYA ON THE BEACH
SHE'S JUST MY BOSS.
WE'RE NOT SLEEPING TOGETHER.
WHEN IS MR. OSWALD SUPPOSED TO RETURN?
HOW WOULD I KNOW? I'M NOT HIS ASSISTANT.

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I THINK IT'S HORRIBLE TO KEEP SLEEPING WITH A WOMAN YOU DON'T INTEND TO DATE.
EXACTLY! YOU ASKED FOR IT.
BUT...SHE SHOWED UP ON MY DOORSTEP.
PHEW...
BUT...
...I DON'T THINK I NEED TO REPORT YOU AT THIS TIME.
THAT DOESN'T MATTER!
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU MEN ARE SUCH PIGS!
YOU'LL SLEEP WITH ANYTHING AND THEN ACT SURPRISED IF A GIRL BECOMES EMOTIONALLY ATTACHED.
EMMA'S RIGHT. YOU NEED TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS.
YOU KNOW..
...I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU TWO SO UNITED.

会議室
Meeting Room
I JUST USE THE PHOTO TO--
DON'T SAY IT!
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW!
IN OTHER WORDS...
Coffee
THIS IS VERY INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR FOR WORK, MR. OSWALD.
IF I REPORTED THIS INCIDENT TO YOUR BOSS, YOU COULD BE SUSPENDED.
ACK!
...YOU THOUGHT YOU BROKE UP WITH THIS GIRL, BUT...
...SHE KEPT CALLING AND COMING TO YOUR HOUSE BECAUSE SHE WAS UPSET.
THAT'S ABOUT IT.

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YOU'RE SUDDENLY INTERESTED?
NO, NOT REALLY
BUT IT REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED AT WORK TODAY
A STUPID GIRL FELT THE SAME WAY ABOUT ONE OF MY CO-WORKERS
YOU KNOW, TYRONE WASN'T EVEN ATTRACTED TO HER...
...BUT DIANA'S WILL WAS SO STRONG, HE COULDN'T RESIST HER!
HMM.
HMM?
SO YOU WOULDN'T CHASE AFTER SOMEONE YOU REALLY LIKED IF HE WASN'T INTERESTED IN YOU?
CHASING SOMEONE WHO ISN'T INTERESTED IN YOU IS THE WORST THING YOU CAN DO.
NOW GET OUT--I'M CHANGING
I'M HOME!!
HMPH!
HA!
WHO'S SCREAMING?
WHO'S TYRONE?
DON'T YOU WATCH *SEX AND THE SUBURBS*?
HE'S DIANA'S BOYFRIEND AND HE FINALLY CAME OVER ONE NIGHT AND...
STOP! I DON'T CARE.
WHAT'S WRONG?
TYRONE AND DIANA FINALLY DID IT!

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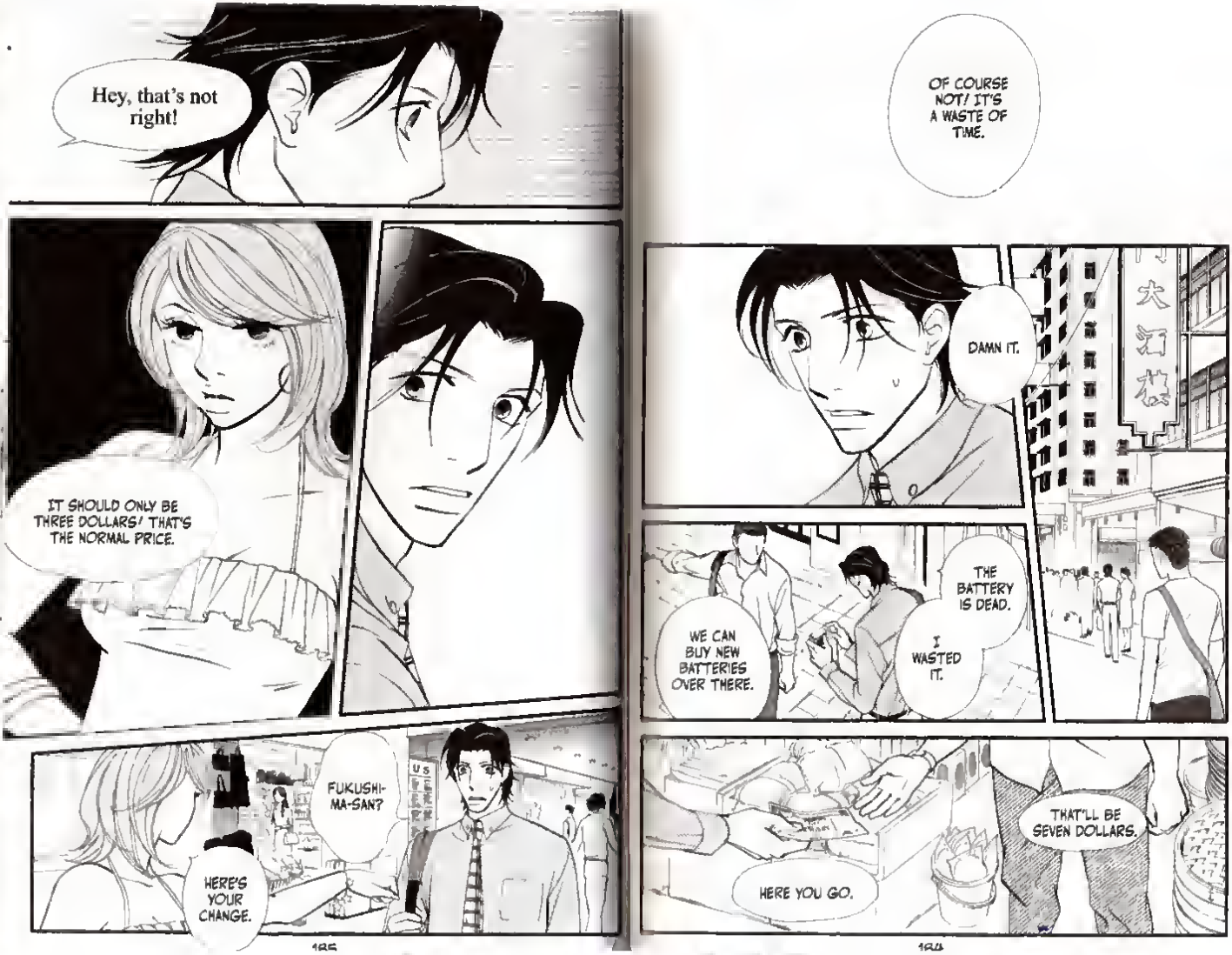
Hey, that's not right!
IT SHOULD ONLY BE THREE DOLLARS! THAT'S THE NORMAL PRICE.
FUKUSHI-MA-SAN?
HERE'S YOUR CHANGE.
OF COURSE NOT! IT'S A WASTE OF TIME.
DAMN IT.
THE BATTERY IS DEAD.
I WASTED IT.
WE CAN BUY NEW BATTERIES OVER THERE.
THAT'LL BE SEVEN DOLLARS.
HERE YOU GO.

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SEE YOU LATER!
FUKU-SHIMA-SAN, THIS PLACE IS...
EH... UH...
Bottom Up
Foreigners welcome!
SOUNDS GOOD.
WHY DON'T WE ALL HEAD OVER THERE TONIGHT?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
UM...
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE INTERESTED IN SUCH PLACES.
AH... WELL...
I'M NOT
HEY, I'VE HEARD OF THIS PLACE. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE GREAT.
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
PEELS LIKE AN IDIOT NOW
ARE YOU AN IDIOT? YOU SHOULDN'T BE PAYING TOURIST PRICES! YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER.
BEAM
I'M JUST KID-DING!
HERE'S A FLYER. YOU SHOULD STOP BY.
I'LL MAKE SURE THEY TREAT YOU RIGHT.
Bottom Up
Foreigners welcome!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ARE YOU VISITING?
NO, I'M WORKING NEARBY.

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CALM DOWN. TAKE IT EASY. I NEED ANOTHER DRINK.
MINMEI IS NOW SINGING.
ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE SWEATING.
OH, ARE YOU GUYS REPORTERS?
UH... YEAH. WE WORK FOR A NEWSPAPER.
DAMN, BABE, YOU'RE HOT.
I HEAR YOU CAN TAKE ANY GIRL HOME WITH YOU FOR 2,000 DOLLARS.
THAT'S NOT BAD WITH THE EXCHANGE RATE. ESPECIALLY FOR THESE BABES!
MY BOYFRIEND IS A NEWSPAPER REPORTER.
THAT'S 2000 HONG KONG DOLLARS. ABOUT $250 IN US DOLLARS.
REST ROOM
EXCUSE ME, SIR... SIR...
SHE CAN DO WHAT SHE WANTS WITH HER LIFE.
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS.
I MIGHT WANNA TAKE MINMEI HOME.
HEH?

ARE THERE ANY GIRLS WHO SPEAK JAPANESE?
OF COURSE. I'LL BRING SOMEONE OVER.
RIGHT THIS WAY, GENTLEMEN.
GOOD EVENING! I'M LIN MINMEI.
Splurt
EVEN HER NAME IS OVER THE TOP

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...WHY YOU'RE WORKING AT A PLACE LIKE THAT?
OKAY, SO WILL YOU PLEASE TELL ME...
YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT, AREN'T YOU?!
YOU PAID ALL THAT MONEY TO WALK ME HOME.
WHY DID YOU COME TO HONG KONG?
HASUMI-SAN, HASUMI-SAN...
IT'S HELPING ME PAY OFF ALL MY SCHOOL LOANS.
I MAKE A LOT OF MONEY. ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M YOUNG AND SPEAK BOTH ENGLISH AND JAPANESE.
BUT IT'S NOT WHAT I'M ASKING.
THAT'S GREAT.
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? I'LL WALK YOU HOME.
HUH?
ARE YOU GONNA THROW AWAY YOUR MONEY?
YOU'RE LOOKING AT MY BOOBS.
WANNA PEEK?

YOU CAN BRING HOME ANY GIRL YOU LIKE FOR ONLY 2,000 DOLLARS.
TELL ME WHO YOU WANT AND I WILL GET HER FOR YOU.
UM...
I WANT MINMEI-SAN.
YOLEX
Selem
YOU CRACK ME UP.

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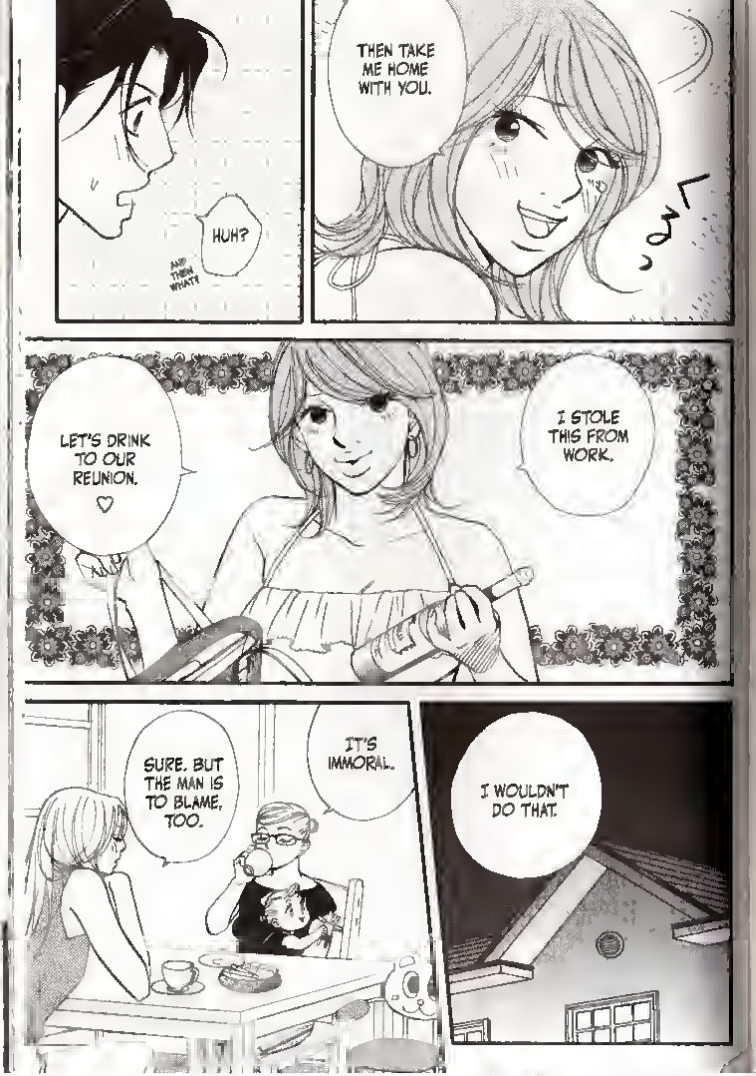
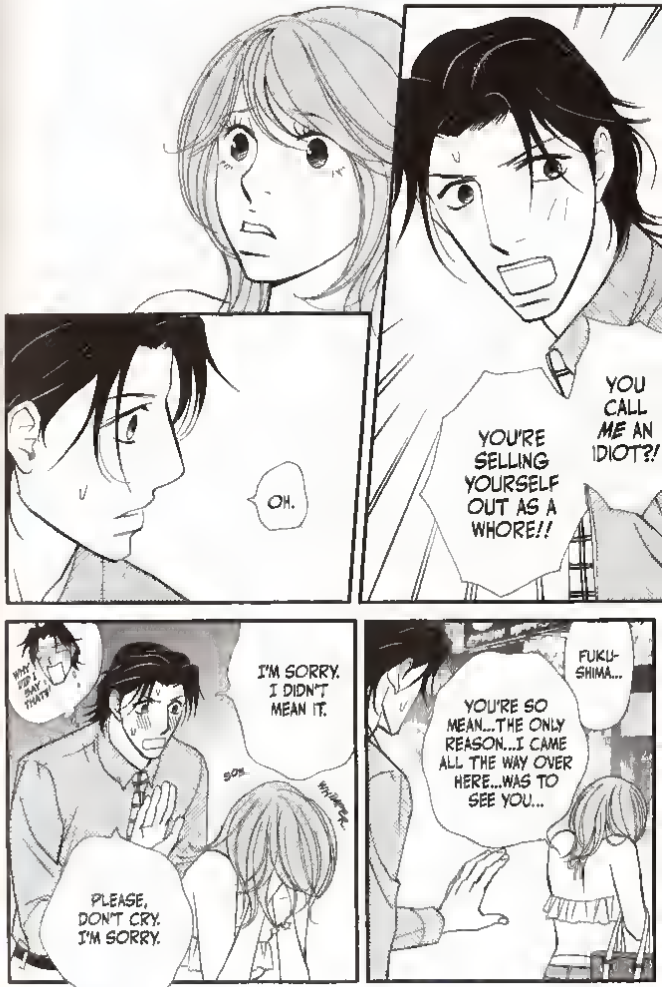

HUH?
AND THEN WHAT?
THEN TAKE ME HOME WITH YOU.
LET'S DRINK TO OUR REUNION. ♡
I STOLE THIS FROM WORK.
SURE. BUT THE MAN IS TO BLAME, TOO.
IT'S IMMORAL.
I WOULDN'T DO THAT.


OH.
YOU'RE SELLING YOURSELF OUT AS A WHORE!!
YOU CALL ME AN IDIOT?!
WHAT DID I SAY THAT?
I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN IT.
SOB.
WHIMPER.
PLEASE, DON'T CRY. I'M SORRY.
FUKU-SHIMA...
YOU'RE SO MEAN...THE ONLY REASON...I CAME ALL THE WAY OVER HERE...WAS TO SEE YOU...

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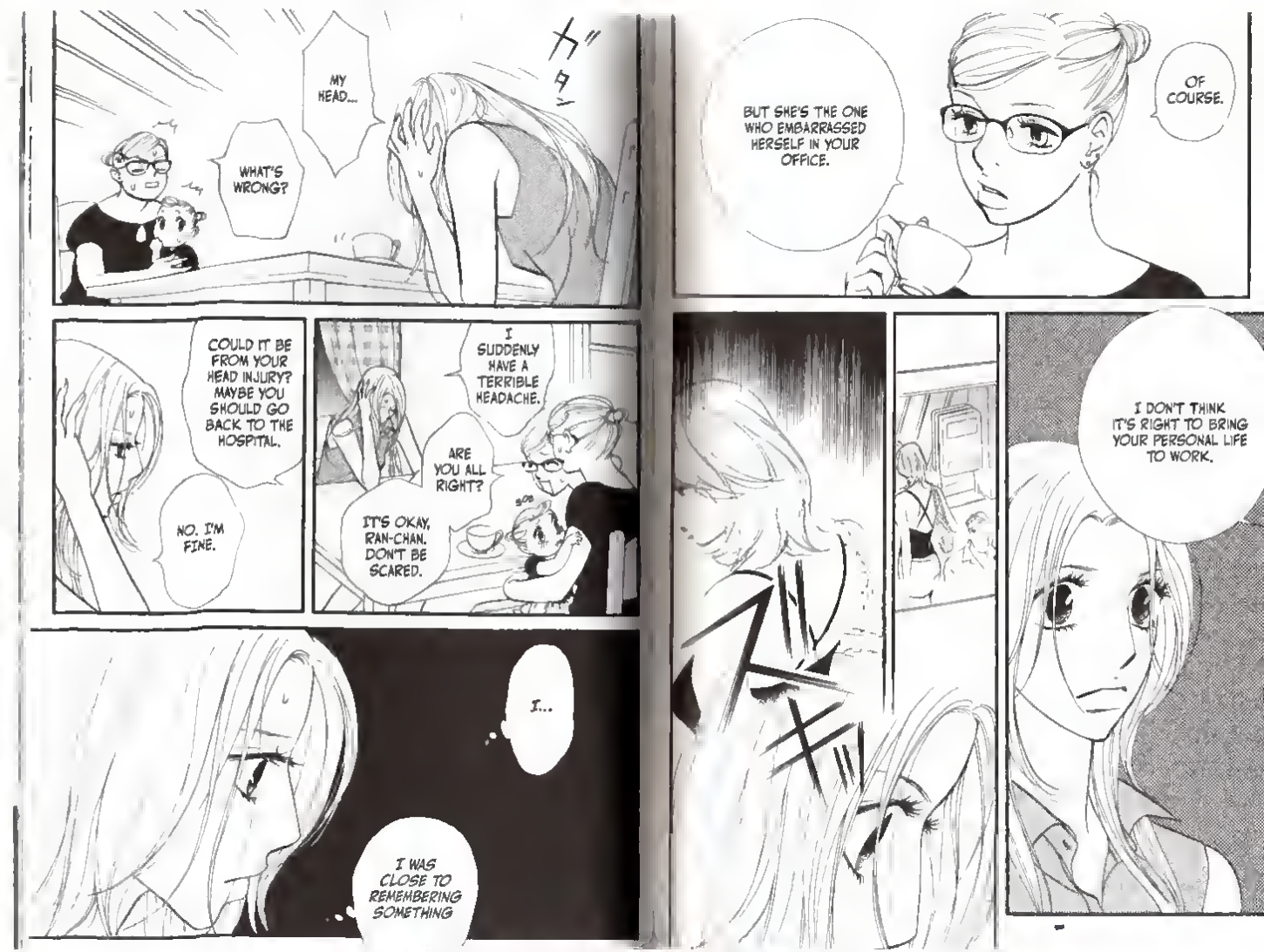
MY HEAD...
WHAT'S WRONG?
COULD IT BE FROM YOUR HEAD INJURY? MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO THE HOSPITAL.
NO. I'M FINE.
I SUDDENLY HAVE A TERRIBLE HEADACHE.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IT'S OKAY, RAN-CHAN. DON'T BE SCARED.
I...
I WAS CLOSE TO REMEMBERING SOMETHING
BUT SHE'S THE ONE WHO EMBARRASSED HERSELF IN YOUR OFFICE.
OF COURSE.
I DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT TO BRING YOUR PERSONAL LIFE TO WORK.

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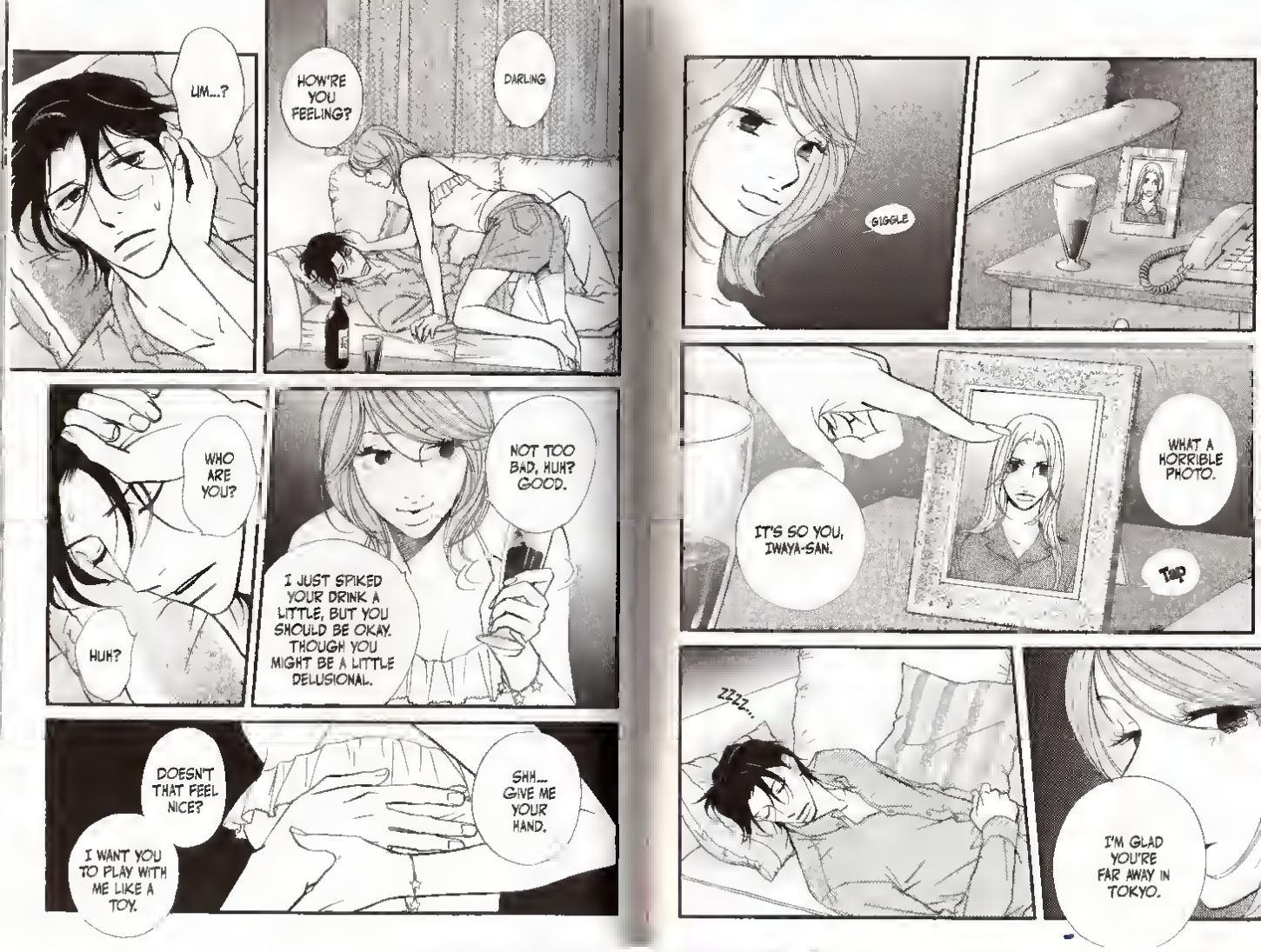
LIM...?
HOW'RE YOU FEELING?
DARLING
WHO ARE YOU?
HUH?
I JUST SPIKED YOUR DRINK A LITTLE, BUT YOU SHOULD BE OKAY. THOUGH YOU MIGHT BE A LITTLE DELUSIONAL.
NOT TOO BAD, HUH? GOOD.
DOESN'T THAT FEEL NICE?
I WANT YOU TO PLAY WITH ME LIKE A TOY.
SHH... GIVE ME YOUR HAND.
GIGGLE
IT'S SO YOU, IWAYA-SAN.
WHAT A HORRIBLE PHOTO.
TAP
ZZZZ...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE FAR AWAY IN TOKYO.

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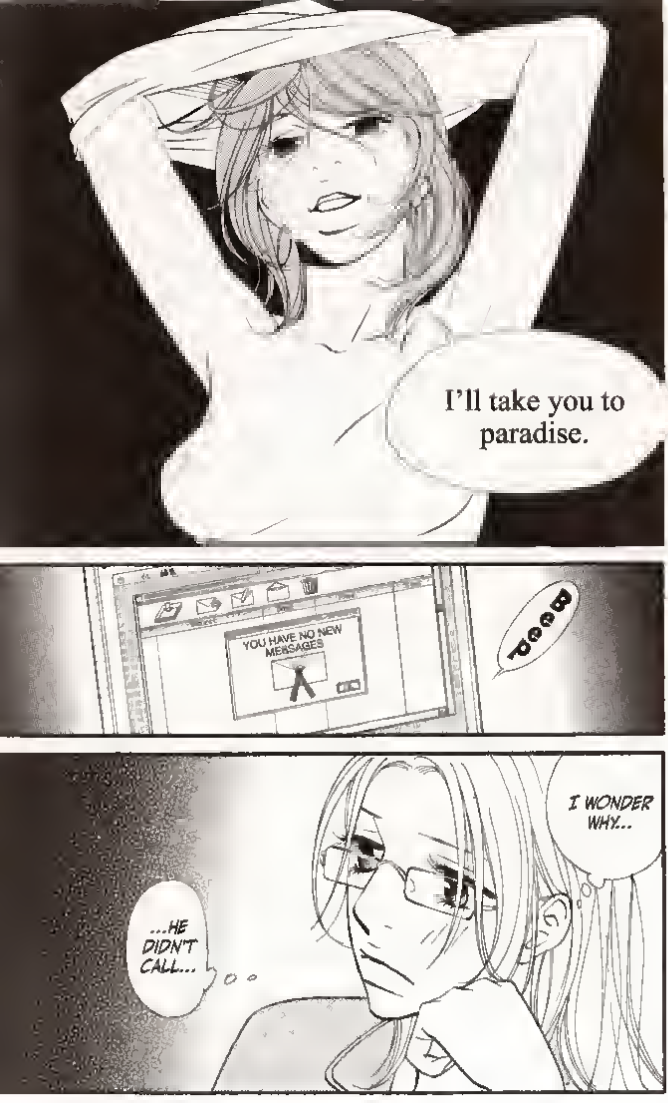

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